

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE PUTNAM ADVISORY COMPANY,  
LLC,

Defendant.

12 Civ. 7372 (RWS)

**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC" or "Plaintiff"), by its attorneys Quinn Emanuel Urquhart &-Sullivan, LLP, brings this Second Amended Complaint against The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC ("Putnam") and alleges as follows:

**Nature of the Case**

1. The success or failure of a Collateralized Debt Obligation ("CDO") is directly tied to the credit quality of the assets selected for inclusion in the portfolio of assets securing the payment obligations of the CDO. That is because payments from the CDO are generated by those assets. Thus, there is nothing more important to investors in a CDO than the integrity and business acumen of the organization that selects the assets. This action arises out of Putnam's fraudulent misrepresentations that it-and it alone-would select the collateral for an extremely complex CDO called Pyxis ABS CDO 2006-1 ("Pyxis"), and that it would do so acting independently and in good faith in the interests of long investors (i.e., investors who profit when the investment performs as designed and succeeds). Putnam made these written and oral misrepresentations to induce FGIC to insure \$900 million of credit protection on Pyxis. This credit protection ensured that Pyxis would close and that Putnam would earn millions of dollars

in management fees for its role as collateral manager. In fact, Putnam did not select the Pyxis collateral acting independently and in good faith. Rather, Putnam allowed the collateral selection process to be controlled by Magnetar Capital LLC (“Magnetar”), a hedge fund manager with economic interests that were contrary to those of FGIC and the long investors. That is because Magnetar had a significant net short investment in Pyxis—*i.e.*, an investment that would pay off when Pyxis defaulted. Had FGIC known that Putnam was not selecting the Pyxis collateral independently, but was instead allowing the selection process to be controlled by a net short investor, FGIC would never have provided insurance on Pyxis, and FGIC would not have lost millions when Pyxis defaulted—as Magnetar planned.

2. In July 2006, Putnam, with Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank (“Calyon”), began marketing Pyxis. As with all CDOs, the financial success of Pyxis was totally dependent upon the performance of the underlying collateral. This collateral, whether held directly or used as the reference assets in a credit default swap, is the principal source of funds used to pay investors in the CDO. The Pyxis CDO was collateralized by other securities (the “Pyxis Portfolio”), including residential mortgage-backed securities (“RMBS”) and other CDOs, all of which were pooled and securitized so they could be marketed to investors. The higher the credit quality of the collateral, the lower the chances of default. Conversely, the lower the credit quality of the collateral, the greater the chances of default. Accordingly, for long investors—and for FGIC—nothing was more important than the competence and independence of the collateral manager— in this case, Putnam.

3. The parts of the Pyxis offering documents relevant to this lawsuit were prepared by Putnam. They stated clearly and unambiguously that the collateral for the Pyxis Portfolio was to be chosen by Putnam, which represented that it was an experienced, respected and putatively

independent asset management firm. Putnam also confirmed to FGIC, both orally and in writing, that it was using its own market-tested, rigorous selection process in selecting collateral, which was consistent with the highest industry standards.

4. However, unbeknownst to FGIC, Putnam did not select all the securities for Pyxis. Rather, there is overwhelming evidence that the Pyxis collateral selection process was controlled and directed by Magnetar. In fact, Putnam even allowed Magnetar to exercise veto rights over any investments that went into the Pyxis Portfolio.

5. At the very same time as Magnetar was selecting risky collateral for Pyxis, Magnetar was also “shorting” Pyxis by entering into credit default swaps (“CDS”) with various entities. Under these CDS, Magnetar paid premiums to a counterparty, and the counterparty in turn guaranteed payments to Magnetar-- in the event that Pyxis defaulted. As a result of these multiple CDS, Magnetar stood to gain millions in profits if Pyxis defaulted.

6. For its part, Putnam received over \$5 million in collateral management fees for cooperating with Magnetar’s scheme. Putnam had other economic incentives to cooperate. Pyxis was Putnam’s first structured finance CDO since 2003, and its first ever CDO primarily backed by subprime RMBS. Putnam saw Pyxis as a chance to establish a foothold in the market for managing such CDOs, taking advantage of its close relationship with the Magnetar executive responsible for Magnetar’s CDOs (a former Putnam employee). As a result of its cooperation with Magnetar on Pyxis, Putnam was selected by Magnetar as the collateral manager for a second Pyxis CDO for which it was also paid millions in fees. Putnam would not have received any of these substantial fees had it not allowed Magnetar to control the selection of assets that went into the Pyxis Portfolio.

7. Magnetar's scheme, and Putnam's profits, were dependent upon Pyxis actually closing. If Pyxis did not close, there would be no assets for Magnetar to short, no CDO for Putnam to manage and no fees for Putnam to earn. The closing of the Pyxis CDO in turn depended largely on a party agreeing to provide insurance on the \$900 million (60% of the aggregate initial value of the Pyxis Portfolio) "Super Senior" swap between Pyxis and Calyon, which was senior to other AAA-rated tranches and was itself AAA-rated.

8. This insurance was provided by FGIC, via a financial guaranty insurance policy (the "Pyxis Guaranty") that insured payment of all obligations owed by FGIC's wholly-owned subsidiary, FGIC Credit Products LLC, under a CDS referencing Pyxis (the "Pyxis Swap"). Under the Pyxis Swap, in return for Calyon's payment of premiums, FGIC Credit Products LLC agreed that, if Pyxis defaulted, it would make all the payments owed by Calyon on its underlying swap with Pyxis. Without the Pyxis Guaranty to insure payment of all sums due under the Pyxis Swap, Pyxis would not have closed, and neither Magnetar nor Putnam would have obtained their planned windfalls.

9. FGIC agreed to issue the Pyxis Guaranty based on Putnam's demonstrably false representation that it would independently select and manage the Pyxis Portfolio. Because FGIC's liability under the Pyxis Guaranty depended on the performance of Pyxis, which in turn depended on the performance of the Pyxis Portfolio, FGIC relied primarily on Putnam's represented financial acumen and independence in selecting the right assets in its decision to issue the Pyxis Guaranty.

10. Having created Pyxis, Putnam and Magnetar had exclusive knowledge of the facts rendering their representations false. Putnam knew, and affirmatively and actively concealed from FGIC, that it was not acting independently in selecting collateral for Pyxis and that

Magnetar, in collusion with Putnam, had rigged the collateral selection process of the Pyxis Portfolio so that it could select weaker assets whose performance it could bet against through the use of CDS.

11. As Putnam was well aware, had FGIC known the truth about Pyxis—(a) that Putnam was *not* acting independently, (b) that Magnetar was involved in the process, and (c) that Magnetar was shorting the Pyxis notes (and therefore had economic interests that conflicted with those of FGIC)—it would never have agreed to issue the Pyxis Guaranty.

12. On April 30, 2008, only 18 months after Pyxis closed, Fitch Ratings Ltd. (“Fitch”) downgraded the credit rating of the Pyxis Super Senior tranche from AAA to C. Ultimately, Pyxis defaulted and FGIC incurred potential liability of up to \$900 million under the Pyxis Guaranty. FGIC has thus suffered substantial losses as a result of Putnam’s fraud and misrepresentations.

13. The evidence is clear that FGIC’s loss was not the result of neutral market forces. It was instead the direct and intended result of Putnam’s actions and those of Magnetar—actions that were substantively identical to those for which Goldman, Sachs & Co. recently agreed to pay \$550 million to settle claims brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). *See Securities and Exchange Commission v. Goldman, Sachs & Co.*, 790 F. Supp. 2d 147, 149-50 (S.D.N.Y. 2011).

14. Moreover, it is now known that Pyxis was not the first transaction in which Magnetar colluded with a compliant collateral manager like Putnam. In fact, Pyxis was a part of a much larger scheme. Pyxis was just one of numerous so-called “Constellation” CDOs in which Magnetar secretly controlled asset selection for the CDO and then bet that the CDO would lose money, making billions of dollars in profits at the expense of unsuspecting long investors.

15. The full extent of the scheme is now becoming public. J.P. Morgan recently paid \$153.6 million to settle SEC charges that it participated with Magnetar in a similar scheme, and the SEC is currently investigating several other CDOs with which Magnetar was involved. Indeed, on information and belief, the SEC recently began an investigation of Magnetar itself, not merely of the banks and rating agencies who dealt with it. The Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently imposed a \$5 million penalty on State Street Global Advisors for its failure to disclose Magnetar's involvement in a CDO for which it acted as the investment manager. *See* Commonwealth of Massachusetts Securities Division Consent Order, *In the Matter of: State Street Global Advisors (Carina CDO, Ltd.)*, Docket No. 2011-0023 (February 28, 2012). In addition, the Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently filed a complaint against Putnam for its role in Pyxis.

16. It is also noteworthy that, after incriminating evidence came to light last year in a lawsuit brought against Putnam and Calyon *by investors in Pyxis*, the investors' claims were promptly settled for an undisclosed amount. *See Loreley Fin. (Jersey) No. 7 Ltd. v. Credit Agricole Corporate & Inv. Bank*, No. 650673/2010 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. County June 18, 2010).

17. In sum, FGIC reasonably relied on Putnam's written and oral misrepresentations concerning its independence and business acumen in issuing the Pyxis Guaranty. FGIC would never have entered into the transaction had it known Putnam was not acting independently, because Putnam's independence was critical. Furthermore, FGIC certainly would not have issued the Pyxis Guaranty had it known an entity with conflicting economic interests to FGIC had rigged the asset selection process.

18. Moreover, the facts fraudulently misrepresented and concealed by Putnam—namely, that Magnetar controlled the collateral selection process for Pyxis—directly and

substantially contributed to the losses suffered by FGIC under the Pyxis Guaranty. Had Putnam selected the Pyxis collateral itself, as it represented it would, and had it not acquiesced in Magnetar's control of the collateral selection process, Pyxis would either not have defaulted or its losses would have been much smaller than they were, and FGIC's losses under the Pyxis Guaranty would have been correspondingly smaller than they were. Not only was this the outcome Putnam intended and expected, but (1) as a result of Magnetar's adverse collateral selection, Magnetar's CDOs, including Pyxis, in fact defaulted at a much higher rate than comparable non-Magnetar CDOs, and also defaulted much more quickly than comparable CDOs, making clear that they were substantially less capable of standing up to macroeconomic pressures such as the housing crisis; (2) the assets Magnetar directed Putnam to include in the Pyxis Portfolio were, on their face, more likely to default than the assets Putnam would have selected had it acted independently (for example, at Magnetar's direction, Putnam selected \$145 million of subprime RMBS for the Pyxis Portfolio in place of \$145 million of prime RMBS Putnam originally planned to select); and (3) the assets for which FGIC has direct documentary evidence that Putnam selected at Magnetar's direction in fact performed significantly worse than other assets in the Pyxis Portfolio.

19. FGIC therefore brings this action for fraud, negligent misrepresentation and negligence against Putnam.

### **The Parties**

#### **I. The Plaintiff**

20. Plaintiff Financial Guaranty Insurance Company is a stock insurance company organized under the laws of New York, with its principal office located at 125 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

## **II. The Defendant**

21. The Putnam Advisory Company, the Defendant, is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware. Its principal executive office is located at 1 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. It is a registered investment advisor specializing in asset management, including CDOs.

### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

22. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and because the plaintiff and defendant are citizens of different states.

23. This Court has jurisdiction over Putnam under F.R.C.P. 4(k)(1)(A) and CPLR 301 and 302(a)(1) because, at all times relevant to the allegations of this Complaint, Putnam regularly transacted business in New York, committed tortious acts in New York, and committed tortious acts causing injury in New York.

24. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c). The wrongful acts alleged herein occurred in this District.

### **Factual Background**

#### **I. Collateralized Debt Obligations**

25. A CDO is a special purpose financial vehicle that purchases, or assumes the risk of, a portfolio of assets (the “portfolio”)—such as bonds or loans—and issues securities, on which it then makes payments to investors from the income generated by the assets in the portfolio. A CDO’s portfolio can include a variety of assets, like commercial or residential mortgage-backed securities (“CMBS” and “RMBS,” respectively), securities issued by other CDOs, or CDS referencing those types of obligations. When a CDO performs as designed, the assets that form the CDO portfolio generate a stream of cash flows (*e.g.*, from mortgage



payments) that the CDO uses to pay its expenses and make interest and principal payments to the CDO's note holders. Any remaining cash flows go to the CDO's equity investors, if there are any. Whether a CDO's issued securities will be repaid in full depends primarily on the CDO's structure and the credit quality (and subsequent performance) of the portfolio of assets in the CDO. Thus, for a CDO comprised primarily of RMBS, CDO noteholders will be more likely to receive promised payments of interest and principal if the rate of collection on the underlying individual mortgages is high. Obviously, the higher the credit quality of the mortgages in the portfolio, the more likely that payments to the CDO note holders will be made. Just as obviously, the converse is also true. So, from the investor's perspective nothing is more important than the skill and judgment of the entity selecting which assets to put into the CDO portfolio.

26. To buy their portfolio of assets, CDOs raise money from investors by issuing multiple classes of notes and equity interests. A CDO's notes are not necessarily all subject to the same level of risk. Rather, CDO notes are issued in "tranches" representing different levels of risk (and therefore potential reward). This is achieved by creating a hierarchical structure of note holders in the CDO. The senior tranche of a CDO typically receives the highest "AAA" rating. "Super senior" CDO tranches, which are intended to be even more remote from loss, are senior to another tranche that is also rated AAA. Because the most senior tranches receive proceeds from the CDO portfolio first, they bear the lowest risk of sustaining losses in the CDO structure.

27. Correspondingly, CDO notes do not all offer the same level of anticipated return to their purchasers. The interest on CDO notes is set according to their expected level of risk. More junior tranches generally offer higher interest, but are exposed to a higher risk of shortfalls,

because their position in the CDO structure exposes them to losses in the portfolio before the more senior notes. The more senior tranches, on the other hand, receive lower investment returns because they benefit from greater subordination and thus carry lower risk.

28. Rating agencies typically assign ratings to the tranches of a CDO—except for the equity or income tranche (if any). The rating agencies also assign ratings to the underlying assets that are either held or referenced by the CDO. The risk of default on properly rated AAA tranches issued by a CDO should be remote if: (a) the portfolio includes only securities of credit quality commensurate with expected loss rates; and (b) the amount of subordination is set properly, according to the quality of the portfolio, to absorb potential losses so that the risk of default affecting the senior tranches is extremely remote. Therefore, one of the most critical determinants of a CDO's performance is the composition of its portfolio.

## **II. Managed CDOs: Why the Role Of The Collateral Manager Is Crucial to the Success of the CDO.**

29. Pyxis was designed to be a “managed CDO”. The assets selected for a managed CDO are selected by a collateral manager, and the composition of the portfolio may change from time to time. The collateral manager is given significant discretion and is expected to use his best efforts in buying and selling assets for the CDO portfolio. Managing a CDO portfolio typically involves, among other things, selecting the assets for inclusion in the initial portfolio, monitoring the credit status of the individual underlying assets, reinvesting payment proceeds from maturing underlying assets, and making substitutions in the portfolio of assets (*i.e.*, buying and selling assets) to the extent consistent with the CDO's operative agreements. A collateral manager, therefore, can greatly impact a CDO's performance and either lower—or raise—its risk profile. It almost goes without saying that the expertise of the collateral manager is critical.

30. As explained by Ian Giddy, Professor of Finance at the Stern School of Business at New York University:

[T]he manager's expertise with the assets and ability to manage within established constraints is *paramount* to the success of the CDOs. *Market consensus is that the manager is the most important factor in the performance of a CDO.*

"The CDO Product," by Ian Giddy, Professor of Finance at the Stern School of Business at New York University (emphasis added). As Putnam itself stated in the Pyxis offering memorandum, "[b]ecause the composition of the [portfolio] will vary over time, *the performance of the [portfolio] depends heavily on the skills of the Collateral Manager* in analyzing, selecting, and managing the [portfolio]." (Emphasis added.)

31. Fundamental to the collateral manager's role is that it will act independently and will serve, first and foremost, the interests of the CDO's investors. As explained by the former Co-Head of Global CDOs at Citigroup in testimony to the U.S. Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission ("FCIC") in April 2010: "The collateral manager's role was to . . . manage and trade the collateral pool for the benefit of the debt and equity issued by the CDO."

32. Investors rely heavily on the collateral manager's professed expertise and judgment in analyzing and selecting assets for the CDO's portfolio. The collateral manager's expertise and judgment is especially important for investments in other CDOs, whose complex portfolios are comprised, not of mortgages, but of other securities (which may include both RMBS and still other CDOs). Evaluating such intricate, multilayered structures requires significant expertise. Investors therefore rely heavily on the diligence and ability of the collateral manager, whose investment decisions will determine the performance of the CDO.

33. Collateral managers are paid a fee for their services, typically a percentage of the notional value of the transaction (i.e., the total face amount of all securities issued by the CDO), the cost of which is ultimately paid by the CDO investors.

34. Most of a CDO's initial portfolio of assets are selected by the collateral manager in the months before the CDO closing. Because the CDO has not yet raised any capital during that period (which, along with any post-closing period in which the CDO continues to acquire its portfolio, is known as the "ramp up period"), the pre-closing acquisition of assets is funded pursuant to a CDO "warehousing facility" between the collateral manager and the warehousing facility provider, which is usually the bank structuring the transaction (here, Calyon). If the CDO fails to close, the warehousing facility provider is usually at risk for assets that had already been acquired for the CDO's portfolio. Upon the CDO's closing, however, all of the assets that were acquired pursuant to the warehousing facility are transferred to the CDO (so long as they still qualify under the eligibility criteria that are established for such CDO), with the warehousing facility provider receiving reimbursement via the funds raised by the CDO through its issuance of notes and equity. After the CDO closes, the collateral manager typically continues to acquire assets for the CDO portfolio until it is fully "ramped up" (*i.e.*, complete). The collateral manager also manages the acquired underlying assets pursuant to the terms of the CDO's indenture and a collateral management agreement between the CDO and the collateral manager setting forth the collateral manager's responsibilities.

### **III. Credit Default Swaps: A Form of Credit Protection (Like Insurance).**

35. Credit default swaps are commonly used forms of credit protection (similar to credit insurance) in which, in return for the payment of premiums by one party (the "buyer" of credit protection), the counterparty (the "seller" of credit protection) agrees to make payments upon the occurrence of one or more agreed upon "Credit Events" (as defined in the CDS

transaction documents), generally including, without limitation, a default by the issuer of a specified security to pay when due the principal of or interest on that security. In general, the buyer of credit protection has a “short” position with respect to the specified security, since it will be entitled to a payment if the specified security defaults. Conversely, the seller—and through the seller, the guarantor—of credit protection has a “long” position with respect to the specified security, since it bears the risk of default by the issuer on the specified security.

#### **IV. Magnetar’s CDO Shorting Scheme**

36. Magnetar was founded in 2005 and grew rapidly. Though not well known outside the structured credit market, it became a major participant in that market. From its launch in 2005 through 2007, Magnetar grew 500% in terms of assets under management, from approximately \$1.5 billion under management to approximately \$9 billion. That growth occurred largely because of profits from Magnetar’s shorting scheme as applied to multiple CDO transactions. Magnetar facilitated the creation of CDOs with portfolios of RMBS and CDO securities ultimately backed by RMBS. Magnetar then shorted those very same CDOs, generally by means of credit default swaps, and netted substantial profits when they defaulted.

37. In early 2006, as default rates on subprime mortgages in the United States began to rise, Magnetar began to bet heavily *against* securities backed by subprime mortgages. It did so by shorting subprime RMBS and RMBS CDOs through the use of credit default swaps. That is, Magnetar sought to buy credit protection through credit default swaps on RMBS and RMBS CDOs. Under the credit default swaps Magnetar entered, if one or more Credit Events occurred on any of the underlying RMBS and RMBS CDOs, Magnetar would receive payments under the credit default swaps.

38. During this period, Magnetar found it increasingly difficult to buy large amounts of credit default swap protection on subprime RMBS CDO tranches, because there were not

many investors willing to take the most risky, equity stakes in CDOs. To solve this problem, Magnetar worked secretly with a number of collateral managers, like Putnam, to launch a series of CDOs disguised as *bona fide* investments for the benefit of CDO note holders (*i.e.*, “long” investors). In reality, however, these were vehicles designed by Magnetar to allow it to take short positions, via credit default swaps, on billions of dollars of subprime mortgage bonds at below-market costs. In these CDOs, Magnetar served as the equity investor, making it possible to procure investors (including insurers such as FGIC) willing to take long positions in the CDOs. The CDOs in turn gave Magnetar the opportunity (1) to make massive short bets against the assets being purchased by the CDOs by entering into CDS referencing either the synthetic assets of the CDO, or the securities issued by the CDO itself; and (2) to control the composition of those assets by secretly dictating—and having veto rights over—the asset selection for the CDOs. The more toxic assets Magnetar could direct the collateral manager to include in the CDO, the faster and larger the payout to Magnetar would be, via the credit default swaps it purchased that were triggered by the default of the CDOs.

39. Magnetar’s shorting scheme has now been reported in multiple media sources. As recounted in a Pulitzer Prize-winning April 9, 2010 investigative report authored by ProPublica, “[u]sually, investment banks had to go out and find buyers of the equity. With Magnetar, the buyer came right to the bank’s doorstep. Wall Street was overjoyed.” Jesse Eisinger and Jake Bernstein, “The Magnetar Trade: How One Hedge Fund Helped Keep the Bubble Going,” ProPublica, April 9, 2010. A banker told ProPublica that Magnetar’s purchase of equity tranches “seemed like a miracle” because “no one” had been buying the equity. As it turned out it was no miracle. It was a massive fraud in which compliant collateral managers like Putnam played a critical role.

40. Unlike an ordinary investor, Magnetar bought the equity in its CDOs not because it believed that the equity was a sound investment. Rather, as Putnam knew, Magnetar was positioned to benefit from the ultimate failure of the very CDOs that it had helped to create. Magnetar used its equity tranches, and in particular the unusually early and substantial payouts that it arranged for those tranches to receive (at the expense of more senior tranches), to fund its short positions on the very same deals, during the (relatively) brief time between closing and the deal's collapse.

41. As described by one former Goldman Sachs banker:

Magnetar owns the [CDO's] equity layer, which throws out a lot of cash for perhaps a year or two and then starts to decay quickly. They bet against the better slices, *short the very same deals they created*[.]

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*It only works if the deal is so bad that the equity, plus the higher layers, are all toast.* Magnetar would not make its target returns on the equity tranche alone. *The deals had to fail for them to succeed.* It was common for funds like Magnetar to let a trading desk know what parameters it wanted, and the traders would in turn line up suitable investments with the CDO manager. *Magnetar influenced the transaction by mandating a certain equity return, which meant the CDO would have to hold the 'spreadiest' (i.e., riskiest) crap.*

Yves Smith, ECONNED, at 258-59 (Palgrave MacMillan 2010). (Emphasis added.)

42. The ratio of Magnetar's short positions to its equity positions varied from deal to deal, but it was often 6-to-1 or even higher, meaning that when a Magnetar CDO such as Pyxis failed, the payoff on Magnetar's short positions was at least six times the amount of Magnetar's original equity investment in that CDO. It was like printing money.

**A. Magnetar Directed Collateral Managers to Purchase “Crap” and Insisted on Veto Rights on Asset Purchases**

43. Magnetar acted as the equity sponsor for, and secretly influenced the portfolio selection of, at least 26 so-called “Constellation” CDOs—beginning with Orion 2006-1, which closed on May 26, 2006. Orion was followed shortly thereafter by Pyxis and numerous other CDOs. Magnetar secretly insisted on having a “veto” right over any asset that might become part of a CDO’s reference portfolio. Unbeknownst to FGIC and other prospective investors, Magnetar bought cooperation and acquiescence in this “veto” arrangement from putatively independent collateral managers like Putnam by promising larger than normal deals (which meant larger fees as well) and a substantial, steady flow of deals. In a September 8, 2006 email to a prospective CDO manager, for example, Magnetar executive James Prusko (formerly of Putnam) stated: “Our goal is to *partner* with managers and do a series of deals, there are two managers with whom we are already on our third deal . . . I think the cumulative business will be worthwhile even if you feel the first deal is too skinny.” Magnetar’s Prusko wrote to the same collateral manager that made his intentions crystal clear—Magnetar was to control the selection of assets: “I have attached the target portfolio that I would like for this deal with target spreads that I believe are very achievable in the current market.” When that collateral manager refused to assemble such a portfolio, Magnetar declined to work with the manager on any other CDOs.

**V. The Pyxis CDO**

44. Pyxis, for which Putnam was the “independent” collateral manager, was a so-called “hybrid” CDO, which means that its \$1.5 billion portfolio included both “cash” and “synthetic” underlying assets. Approximately 23% (or \$350 million par value) of the Pyxis Portfolio was comprised of “cash” assets, that is, investments that Pyxis actually purchased. The remaining 77% (or \$1.15 billion par value) of the Pyxis Portfolio was comprised of “synthetic”



assets, which are assets created through credit default swaps that referenced other asset-backed securities not actually owned by Pyxis. In these credit default swaps, Pyxis sold credit protection to counterparties (*i.e.*, agreed to make payments in the event of specified Credit Events, such as failure by the issuer of the referenced security to pay when due the interest or principal thereon) in exchange for premium payments. The performance of these securities—contractually mandated to be selected by Putnam—would thus determine the returns (or losses) to Pyxis under the credit default swaps. If the assets performed well, Pyxis would enjoy the premium payments without having to make any credit protection payments. However, if the assets performed badly, then Pyxis would have to make credit protection payments to the credit default swap counterparty, potentially up to the full notional amount of the referenced obligation. These potential payments could exceed by many multiples the premium payments to which Pyxis was entitled under the credit default swaps. Through such swaps, Pyxis was the “long” investor on the referenced securities making up the synthetic portion of its portfolio, while the credit default swap counterparties were “short” the same securities.

45. Pyxis took the risk that the securities would not perform through selling protection to Calyon. Calyon performed the role of credit protection buyer, meaning that it paid the premiums to Pyxis under the credit default swap in exchange for protection payments in the event that one or more Credit Events occurred on any of the Portfolio assets. For most of the specified assets, Calyon represented that it acted only as an intermediary, meaning that the ultimate short positions were held by other market participants whose identity was never disclosed to FGIC. As explained in the offering materials, this was achieved through a series of “back to back hedging transactions” between Calyon and other counterparties, which referenced the same obligations as the credit default swap between Calyon, in its role as credit default swap

Counterparty, and Pyxis. In this way, Calyon effectively acted as a conduit for parties willing to take a short position on particular assets, with Pyxis acting as the “long” investor. Payments under the credit default swaps would flow between Pyxis and the ultimate short counterparty via Calyon; if the referenced assets performed well, Pyxis would simply receive its premium, which was paid by the short counterparty to Calyon and then passed from Calyon to Pyxis (with Calyon keeping a portion of the premium for itself). But, if the referenced assets performed badly, Pyxis would be obligated to make loss payments that would ultimately flow to the short party via Calyon.

**A. The Quid Pro Quo for Allowing Magnetar to Control the Selection of the Pyxis Collateral Were Large Management Fees and the Promise of Additional Deal Volume**

46. Putnam acted as the putative collateral manager on Pyxis. For its role as collateral manager, Putnam was to receive a fixed (or “senior”) fee of fifteen basis points, or 0.15% of the outstanding principal of the Pyxis CDO per year. Because of the size of Pyxis—which, like all Constellation CDOs, was far larger than a typical CDO (with an initial deal volume of \$1.5 billion)—Putnam’s fixed fee would be \$2.25 million for the first year alone. This was almost twice what the manager of a typical CDO (with an initial deal volume of \$400 million) would earn. Indeed, Putnam’s fixed management fee on Pyxis was high even by the standards of Magnetar CDOs. On information and belief, Putnam’s fixed fee of 15 basis points was higher than the fixed fee paid to the collateral manager in all but three of Magnetar’s 26 CDOs, and higher than the total fee—including both fixed and incentive fees—on all but six of Magnetar’s CDOs. In fact, the fixed fee paid to the collateral manager on the vast majority of Magnetar’s CDOs was only 10 basis points, and Putnam’s fixed fee of 15 basis points was higher than the fixed fee *and the incentive fee combined* on a number of other Magnetar CDOs. Thus, Magnetar was willing to pay extra for Putnam’s cooperation in the scheme.

47. In addition to its fixed fee, Putnam was also to receive an additional “incentive” (or “subordinated”) fee of five basis points, amounting to \$0.75 million for the first year. Although this was described as an incentive fee, payment of this fee was dependent not on Pyxis performing well, but rather on Magnetar receiving its target return, which in turn was effectively guaranteed by certain provisions favoring the equity investors in the Pyxis governing documents (set forth in ¶ 52 below). Thus, as Magnetar’s co-equity sponsor on Pyxis, Deutsche Bank, stated, Putnam’s fees were “virtually assured” by Magnetar’s control over Pyxis.

48. This is demonstrated by the fact that, according to the Pyxis Trustee Reports provided to Pyxis investors, Putnam continued to be paid both its fixed and subordinated fees long after Pyxis began to fail, as shown in the table below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cumulative senior fees</b>	<b>Cumulative subordinated fees</b>	<b>Cumulative total fees</b>
Feb. 12, 2007	First payment to Putnam	\$807,407	\$269,136	\$1,076,543
Aug. 10, 2007	First Pyxis collateral quality test failures	\$1,934,363	\$640,505	\$2,574,868
Sept. 10, 2007	First Pyxis ratings downgrades	\$2,122,134	\$640,505	\$2,762,639
Dec. 10, 2007	Pyxis A-1 notes (referenced by Pyxis Swap) downgraded	\$2,655,584	\$833,238	\$3,488,822
Dec. 10, 2008	Pyxis Event of Default	\$4,092,742	\$1,331,647	\$5,424,389
July 3, 2012	Latest payment to Putnam	\$4,375,782	\$1,331,647	\$5,707,429

49. Thus, Putnam kept getting paid both its senior and subordinated fees until Pyxis suffered an Event of Default in December 2008—sixteen months after Pyxis suffered its first

collateral quality test failures—and it is *still* receiving part of its fixed fee from Pyxis. The latest such payment was made just over two months ago, in July 2012.

50. In a sworn statement to the Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Putnam confirmed that it has been paid approximately \$5,707,429 in collateral management fees for Pyxis 2006.

51. Putnam was further motivated to cooperate with Magnetar on Pyxis because Pyxis was Putnam's first structured finance CDO since 2003, and its first ever CDO primarily backed by subprime RMBS. Putnam saw Magnetar as the key to its gaining a foothold in this highly lucrative market. The promise of additional, similarly lucrative deal volume from Magnetar was quickly realized when Putnam was selected to serve as collateral manager for a second Pyxis CDO, Pyxis ABS CDO 2007-1 ("Pyxis 2"), which closed just a few months after Pyxis.

52. In a sworn statement to the Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Putnam confirmed that it has been paid approximately \$3,107,627.91 in collateral management fees for Pyxis 2.

**B. The Selection of Assets for Pyxis Was Manipulated by Magnetar So it Would Profit at the Expense of Noteholders and FGIC**

53. The equity ("Preference Shares") and the lowest tranche of notes ("Class X Subordinated Notes") issued by Pyxis were held equally by Magnetar and Deutsche Bank. Although the Preference Shares had a nominal value of \$82.5 million, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank bought them at a 75% discount, for a total payment of \$20.625 million. In addition, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank paid a total of \$61.875 million for their Class X Subordinated Notes, meaning that they each paid a total of \$41.25 million for the shares and notes they held in Pyxis.

54. The structure of Pyxis was unusual in another respect—once again designed for Magnetar to profit at the expense of other note holders. In most CDOs, the more senior the note is, the more likely the note will be paid in the event the CDO does not receive enough cash flows from the CDO portfolio to make all payments to note holders. Pyxis was different. Pyxis, like Magnetar’s other CDOs, was structured in such a way that, as long as it avoided default, the preference shares and Class X notes would receive much larger payments of principal and interest than the senior notes during the first five years of its existence, by which time they would both be fully paid out—and they would receive a large portion of their investment back within just over a year if Pyxis avoided default for that long, which it did. To protect this windfall, this structure could only be altered with the consent of the preference shareholders—*i.e.*, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank. It was described by Magnetar as “triggerless,” because it effectively removed the typical CDO triggers which would have redirected funds away from the holdings of Magnetar and Deutsche Bank to senior note holders in the event of certain events reflecting deterioration in the performance of the portfolio. Thus, despite owning the equity and the *lowest* (usually most risky) tranche of notes in Pyxis, Magnetar’s risk, and eventual losses, were in fact much lower than those of senior note holders. Indeed, a review of the Pyxis monthly investor reports reveals that, pursuant to the “triggerless” structure, the preference shareholders and Class X note holders received payments of principal and interest of \$36,364,897 before Pyxis’ eventual default in December 2008 (including a payment of over \$7 million within a few months of closing, and one payment even *after* Pyxis defaulted), while, during this same period, senior note holders only received payments totaling \$7,450,377. Even when the Pyxis Portfolio began failing collateral quality tests as early as August 2007 and Notes started to be downgraded by the rating agencies as early as September 2007 (which in a typical CDO would have triggered

redirection of funds from the equity holders and Class X note holders to senior note holders), principal distributions could not be reallocated to senior note holders without the consent of Magnetar (which was, not surprisingly, not forthcoming).

55. In addition, as Magnetar itself stated in a letter to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, Magnetar negotiated with each of its CDOs an upfront payment “as a rebate to the purchase price of long positions taken by the Magnetar funds,” amounting to 30 basis points (0.30%) of the notional amount of the CDO. In Pyxis’ case, this was \$4.5 million. Taking Magnetar’s share of this upfront payment into account, along with Magnetar’s share of the payments made by Pyxis to preference shareholders and Class X note holders (\$18,182,448), Magnetar’s long position on Pyxis by the time Pyxis defaulted was effectively only \$21 million.

56. However, once Pyxis defaulted, Magnetar reaped the full amount of the credit protection it had purchased on Pyxis, which—as Putnam was aware—far exceeded Magnetar’s long position. Magnetar achieved its huge net short position because, unbeknownst to FGIC, the ultimate short counterparty for many of the so-called “back-to-back hedging transactions” described in the Pyxis offering materials was in fact Magnetar. This is demonstrated by documents that have come to light in the *Loreley* litigation brought by Pyxis investors against Putnam and Calyon, a litigation that settled shortly after these documents emerged. In September 2006, for example, when a Calyon employee questioned whether a trade ticket showing Magnetar purchasing the short side of a CDS for the Pyxis Portfolio was correct (since he had understood it was supposed to be Citigroup), Putnam confirmed: “*It is definitely Magnetar.*” (Emphasis added.) Moreover, this trade was merely the tip of the iceberg. In November 2006, when Calyon asked Jim Prusko of Magnetar whether he still wanted to “buy protection on PYXIS 06-1A C (A/A2/A),” Prusko responded that he was “*actually pretty full on*

*Pyxis A unless super level, have room for AA or BBB.*” (Emphasis added.) In other words, Magnetar had already taken a substantial short position on Pyxis A notes, but still wanted to buy more protection on other classes of Pyxis notes.

57. Indeed, according to Magnetar’s own letter to investors in response to ProPublica’s April 9, 2010 article discussing its CDO shorting strategy, Magnetar’s short positions on the CDOs in which it invested averaged approximately 7% of the aggregate assets of those CDOs. Thus, even assuming the accuracy of that statement, if Pyxis was merely an *average* Magnetar CDO, Magnetar’s short positions on Pyxis—with Pyxis’ aggregate assets of \$1.5 billion—would have totaled \$105 million. This dwarfed Magnetar’s \$21 million long position.

58. Moreover, a review of the publicly available Intex files for the Constellation CDOs alone reveals that Magnetar bought protection on Pyxis from dealers who offset their exposure by buying protection from at least the following Magnetar CDOs: Draco (\$10 million), Cetus 2006-4 (\$10 million), Octans 2006-2 (\$10 million), Cetus 6-2 (\$10 million), Volans (\$6.888 million), and Delphinus (\$13.3 million)—a total of more than \$60 million. It is reasonable to assume that these sales resulted from sales of protection by these dealers to Magnetar, given that Magnetar used all of these dealers regularly and that, in its investor letter, Magnetar conceded that it was plausible that “all of Magnetar’s protection instruments became assets of the various CDOs in which we held equity, to the extent that the assets in the CDOs’ warehouses corresponded to the protection instruments held by Magnetar.”

59. In addition, a review of Intex files for other non-Constellation CDOs indicates that Magnetar bought protection on Pyxis from dealers who offset their exposure by buying protection, possibly totaling far more than \$60 million, from at least the following CDOs: 888

Tactical, Class V III, Grand Avenue II, GSC ABS 2006-3 G, Jupiter HG 6, Lexington Capital V, Octonion, Plettenburg Square, Raffles, Tricadia 6-7, Tricadia 7-8, West Trade II, West Trade III, Cookson 2007-36, Cookson 2007-37, and Ridgeway Court 1. Again, given that Magnetar regularly used most of the underwriters of these CDOs and that most of the dealers also underwrote Magnetar CDOs, it is reasonable to assume that many of the CDOs' sales of protection to these dealers resulted from sales of protection by the dealers to Magnetar.

60. In May 2012, for example, details emerged of Magnetar's involvement in Class V Funding III CDO ("Class V III"), in claims brought by the SEC against Citigroup concerning their role in structuring and marketing Class V III. The Citigroup claims were settled for \$285 million—a settlement the Court rejected as *inadequate*. *See SEC v. Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*, 827 F. Supp. 2d 328, 332 (S.D.N.Y. 2011). Documents filed in support of the SEC's claims include a number of emails from September and October 2006—around the time Pyxis closed—in which Citigroup employees discussed a potential buyer of protection on various Magnetar deals—including Pyxis—which were being considered for inclusion in the Class V III portfolio. This buyer, who was also being considered as a potential equity investor in Class V III, turned out to be none other than Jim Prusko of Magnetar. In September 2006, Prusko told Citigroup that buying protection on various CDOs in the Class V III portfolio "is a top priority for me!" Subsequently, he said he would like Class V III to sell him protection on various CDOs "*as well as any of my deals of course.*" (Emphasis added.) He then provided Citigroup with a full list of deals against which he wanted to buy protection, which again specifically included Pyxis.

61. Taking all of this evidence into account, conservatively, Magnetar's short positions on Pyxis totaled more than \$100 million, compared to its long positions of approximately \$21 million. In other words, Magnetar stood to gain huge profits from Pyxis'



failure. Putnam in turn stood to gain large fees with relatively little effort or risk, along with the promise of additional similarly lucrative and stable deal volume, for helping Magnetar in its secret shorting scheme.

**VI. Putnam Helped Market The Pyxis Guaranty To FGIC on the Basis of Affirmative Material Misrepresentations And Critical Omissions**

**A. Putnam's Affirmative Misrepresentations To FGIC**

62. In early July 2006, Calyon contacted FGIC to solicit credit protection for the Pyxis CDO. Calyon represented that the CDO would be managed by Putnam—who would select its portfolio acting independently and in good faith in the best interests of the investors.

63. Under the deal Calyon presented to FGIC, FGIC was to insure all payments owed by its wholly-owned subsidiary FGIC Credit Products LLC under a credit default swap which would provide credit protection on the \$900 million Super Senior Pyxis tranche.

64. If FGIC or another investor could not be persuaded to provide this insurance, the Pyxis CDO would not close and neither Putnam nor Magnetar would obtain the substantial benefits they stood to gain from Pyxis.

65. In order to induce FGIC to issue the Pyxis Guaranty, Putnam represented to FGIC, both orally and in writing, that it was an experienced and reputable collateral manager and that it would select the assets for the Pyxis Portfolio, acting diligently and independently in the interests of long investors like FGIC. This was vitally important to FGIC because, as explained above, the most important determinant of a CDO's performance is the skill of the collateral manager in selecting and maintaining the credit quality of its underlying portfolio. From an investor's perspective there was nothing more important. Putnam represented that it was well qualified to value the Pyxis Portfolio down to the level of the underlying loans of each RMBS. Specifically, each RMBS contained typically 3,000 underlying loans from across the United

States. Because there were approximately 180 RMBS in the Pyxis Portfolio—both directly and indirectly though Pyxis’ exposure to CDOs that were themselves exposed to RMBS—there were over 500,000 loans on which the performance of Pyxis depended. As a practical matter, it was important for FGIC to be able to rely on Putnam’s experience, independence and integrity in selecting the assets that went into the Pyxis Portfolio.

# **1. Putnam’s Misrepresentations in the Initial Marketing Materials**

66. The Pyxis “launch email”, dated July 14, 2006, presented Pyxis as a mezzanine ABS CDO “managed by The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC.” This launch email touted the fact that Putnam was one of the largest U.S. mutual fund companies with nearly 70 years of asset management experience, including CDO collateral management. This email also represented that Putnam had “developed a multi-class CDO capability” and had investment personnel with “an average of 13 years investment experience.”

67. This initial launch email also stated that “the collateral manager [Putnam] is able to cherry-pick the collateral for this portfolio via the CDS market with the ability to focus on **seasoned** product.” At that time, seasoned products were believed to be less risky than new issues. Yet it was later discovered that over 60 percent of the Pyxis Portfolio was not “seasoned,” but rather consisted of new issuances.

68. The misrepresentations as to Putnam’s collateral management role were reinforced by a 52-page marketing book for Pyxis (the “Pitchbook”), which was provided to FGIC along with the Pyxis launch email. The Pitchbook represented on its face that it was prepared and presented by both Calyon and Putnam, and that large portions of it relating to the collateral manager’s role were specifically prepared by Putnam. *See, e.g.*, Pitchbook at 21 (“All information in this section has been supplied herein by Putnam.”).

69. The cover page and Executive Summary of the Pitchbook highlighted the fact that “The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC will serve as Collateral Manager.” In the Pitchbook, Putnam again represented itself as “a global leader in asset management,” with over \$11.4 billion in ABS/MBS holdings, including management of more than \$3.5 billion of CDOs across seven different deals. Putnam further represented that its “[i]nvestment [p]hilosophy” and “goal is to generate excellent *long term* investment results.” (Emphasis added.) The Pitchbook included extensive representations as to Putnam’s “deep, experienced management teams,” promising that their “talent pool” included “[s]easoned leaders committed to investment excellence and high fiduciary standards,” who would “[f]ocus on achieving client performance objectives.” The Pitchbook incorporated detailed biographies of Putnam key personnel, including Carl Bell, the Managing Director and Team Leader for the CDO & Portfolio Credit Team with “15 years of investment experience”, whose role was to “lead[] the portfolio construction effort in designing CDOs . . . for institutional investors.”

70. The Pitchbook also included approximately 20 pages that purported to describe, in detail, the rigorous proprietary selection process that Putnam, as collateral manager, would use to select the assets for the Pyxis Portfolio. For example, Putnam represented that it analyzes “each transaction . . . to better understand its collateral composition” and conducts a “[s]tructural analysis [that] includes understanding rating levels.” The presentation stated that Putnam “develops multiple scenarios to test the structure’s durability,” which “involves running multiple stress scenarios by varying inputs such as default frequency vectors, loss severities, prepayments speeds and interest rates.” According to the Pitchbook, “[t]he results of [Putnam’s] analysis, combined with the prudent application of judgment, allow Putnam to decide if to invest, what tranche to invest in, how much to invest and at what price in order to achieve acceptable risk-

adjusted returns for its clients.” Indeed, Putnam represented that it offered “best in class CDO management capability.” The Pitchbook also pointed to the relatively low “lifetime impairment rates” for the type of portfolio in which Putnam was planning to invest, representing that these assets had “exhibited greater rating stability and a higher percentage of upgrades” and had a higher “average recovery rate” than other types of similarly rated assets.

71. Putnam further represented in the Pitchbook that “Putnam should actively drive the product structure;” that “Putnam seeks to design and undertake transactions that have a high probability of success;” and that Putnam would undertake “rigorous portfolio construction” and “fundamental security selection.”

## **2. Putnam’s Misrepresentations Concerning the Collateral Mix**

72. Putnam also falsely represented in the Pitchbook that the “target portfolio” for Pyxis, which set forth the ramped portfolio that had been purchased for the CDO to date and the type of assets that were expected to be added to the portfolio subsequently, would include at least \$60 million of prime RMBS assets. Prime RMBS assets are RMBS in which the underlying loans are made to “prime” borrowers, that is, those with high credit scores (typically, 660 or higher from Fair, Isaac & Company) and other characteristics indicating a high likelihood of repayment of the loan. Mid-prime and subprime RMBS, by contrast, consist of loans made to higher risk borrowers.

## **3. FGIC’s Due Diligence Focused on Confirming Putnam’s Representations**

73. In order to assess the validity of Putnam’s representations and the merits of the Pyxis Swap and the Pyxis Guaranty, FGIC performed due diligence from July-August 2006, focusing on an analysis of the deal’s structure, the skills and independence of the collateral manager, and the assets that would be included in the Pyxis Portfolio. In particular, FGIC sought

comfort about Putnam's experience and reputation, because it considered it essential that its investments be entrusted only to highly reputable firms, and also sought confirmation of Putnam's strategy for selecting and managing the Pyxis Portfolio.

74. In the second half of July 2006, FGIC had email correspondence with Putnam through Calyon, in which Calyon forwarded FGIC's questions to Putnam and then forwarded Putnam's responses to these questions to FGIC. In the course of this correspondence, Putnam repeated and reinforced its representations that it would control the selection and management of the Pyxis Portfolio. Among other things, Putnam (1) described the elaborate procedure it used to obtain the best possible terms for Pyxis' RMBS and CDO investments, that involved Putnam sending out lists of 20-25 bonds with a size of \$12 million per bond to around 12 dealers, and, if the winning bid was acceptable, instructing the dealer and Calyon to confirm the trade for the warehouse; (2) discussed the relative merits of synthetic versus cash investments; (3) discussed whether new issues it was considering for the Pyxis Portfolio were trading at premium or tighter spreads; (4) described the merits of a hybrid structure for Pyxis; (5) explained who within Putnam was responsible for selecting and managing the Pyxis Portfolio; and (6) explained which of the RMBS to be included in the portfolio were held on Putnam's books.

#### **4. Putnam's Further Misrepresentations Concerning the Collateral Mix**

75. In the course of this correspondence, on July 25, 2006, Putnam provided another "target portfolio" for Pyxis, which again showed that at least \$60 million of the portfolio would consist of prime RMBS assets. Ultimately, there were no prime assets in the portfolio.

#### **5. Putnam's Oral Misrepresentations at an August Face-to-Face Meeting at Putnam's Headquarters**

76. In July and August 2006, FGIC initiated and conducted further due diligence that included an onsite review of Putnam's operations at Putnam's offices in Boston. Before this

meeting, FGIC sent Putnam a comprehensive list of topics for discussion, including (1) Putnam's views as to the current market environment for RMBS and CDOs; (2) Putnam's investment strategy for Pyxis; (3) Putnam's credit selection, approval and surveillance process; and (4) the performance of Putnam's existing structured finance CDOs.

77. At this face-to-face meeting, which took place on August 3, 2006, and which was attended by four FGIC representatives and seven Putnam representatives, each of the topics raised by FGIC was addressed. During this meeting, Putnam, led by Carl Bell, once again represented repeatedly and emphatically that Putnam, and Putnam alone, would select and manage the assets in the Pyxis Portfolio. Bell described in detail Putnam's expertise and strategy for doing so. Putnam represented, among other things, that: (1) its CDO group, managed by Carl Bell, had been managing Putnam's CDOs since 2001; (2) this group had considerable expertise in managing structures like Pyxis; (3) Putnam had a substantial franchise and reputation in the industry to protect; (4) Putnam had "tied out" cashflows for Pyxis as early as April/May 2006 (far earlier than most CDO collateral managers) to make sure that it fully understood the intricacies of the deal structure; (5) investing in other CDOs and RMBS through CDS, as Putnam did for Pyxis, enabled a more efficient and timely sourcing of assets than investments in cash assets; (6) for each potential investment, Putnam put out a bid list of 30 (not just 20-25) reference bonds to a dozen or so dealers, to obtain the best possible terms for the bond; (7) the Pyxis Portfolio would include only a limited amount of ABX Index securities (comprised of low-rated RMBS)—a limitation which was subsequently reflected in the Pyxis offering memorandum and indenture, which specified a strict concentration limit on Pyxis' ABX Index Securities bucket; (8) Pyxis' "triggerless" structure removed triggers that would distract Putnam from doing its job most effectively and that were used by some collateral managers to "game" the structure;

(9) Putnam's compensation on Pyxis was not tied to short-term results or trading volume, but to Moody's deal score for Pyxis, which was debt-focused, and to equity distributions (which, as Putnam failed to mention, would be disproportionately large in Pyxis' first few years, irrespective of performance, because of Pyxis' triggerless structure); and (10) Putnam had never shorted assets that were included in one of its CDO's portfolios.

#### **6. Putnam's Oral Misrepresentations on Follow-up Due Diligence Call**

78. After the Boston meeting, on August 7, 2006, FGIC had a follow-up due diligence call with Putnam to further explore Putnam's strategy for selecting and managing Pyxis' RMBS investments. During this call, Putnam again made clear that it would select and manage the assets for Pyxis, and that it had considerable experience in the RMBS market, particularly in the market for subprime RMBS, of which the Pyxis Portfolio would primarily be composed. Putnam represented that it performed extensive due diligence with respect to prospective RMBS investments, including conducting on-site visits to most of the servicers of the loans underlying these investments, and, more importantly, maintaining ongoing interactions with all servicers to keep tabs on their servicing strategy and performance. Putnam also represented that it looked beyond standard metrics like simple combined loan to value ratios to assess the credit quality of underlying loans and applied a numeric weighting of various other factors relating to credit quality, which it described in some detail, and which allowed for more meaningful differentiation between loan pools.

#### **7. Putnam's Most Extreme Misrepresentations Concerning the Collateral Mix**

79. On August 9, 2006, Putnam provided an updated target portfolio that purported to show the final target portfolio for Pyxis for FGIC's review and analysis. This target portfolio showed that at least \$145 million of the Pyxis Portfolio would be prime RMBS assets—almost

two and a half times the amount of such assets previously slated for the portfolio. Again, as will be discussed below, ultimately there were no prime RMBS assets in the Pyxis Portfolio.

80. FGIC's MBS team spent the next three weeks analyzing the ramped RMBS backed portion of the Pyxis Portfolio (91 % of the ramped portfolio), reviewing each individual bond for originator, issuer and servicer strength and adequacy of internal credit enhancement in comparison to the credit profile of the underlying loan pools. This team then prepared an analysis of the ramped portfolio, which was included in a CDO credit application (the "Application") made to FGIC's Structured Finance Committee on August 31, 2006, and which noted that, pursuant to Putnam's final target portfolio, the final Pyxis Portfolio would include, among other things, approximately \$145 million of prime RMBS assets.

81. As it turned out, this in depth financial analysis was a waste of time because the final Pyxis Portfolio was vastly different than the one FGIC was given.

**B. FGIC's Recommendation to the FGIC Structured Finance Committee Proves FGIC Relied on Putnam's Representations.**

82. FGIC's Structured Finance Committee approved the Application for the Pyxis Guaranty on September 6, 2006. The Application, and the Committee's approval, relied heavily on Putnam's representations that it would select and manage the Pyxis Portfolio, acting diligently and independently in the interests of long investors like FGIC. Thus, the Application began with a Recommendation, which stated up front that "[t]his is an attractive opportunity for FGIC . . . with Putnam acting as collateral manager;" that the Pyxis assets were "to be selected by Putnam;" and that "[c]ombined with the strength of an experienced manager," Pyxis' synthetic structure could result in a superior portfolio to a cash-only structure. The Recommendation went on to state:

This deal allows FGIC to take exposure to the subprime RMBS sector, and have the benefit of an experienced CDO manager and



MBS investor who is permitted to defensively manage the deal through the CDO structure. Putnam manages \$64bln in fixed income assets/\$3.5bln in CDOs. Putnam's CDO platform benefits from the robust infrastructure that supports Putnam's Mutual Fund and institutional business: well trained professional/focused asset specialist credit teams/established processes and resources to facilitate investment decisions and monitoring efforts. Key personnel are responsible for establishing Putnam's current CDO platform and the issuance of Putnam's CDOs since 2001.

83. In the Transaction Summary, the Application noted as the primary "Strength" of the transaction:

Putnam. Experienced credit investor. Strong institutional resources. Disciplined credit processes tested through past credit cycles. Strong back-office/access to reports/ability to monitor trustee error for failure to pay interest or principal events. Experienced CDO manager/involved in deal structuring—Putnam performed cashflow tie-out of the Pyxis structure with Calyon several months prior to Calyon's marketing this deal to investors.

The Transaction Summary then set forth an extensive "Asset Manager Assessment" elaborating on each of these points, and describing specifically how Putnam would use the Pyxis structure to buy cash and CDS assets, and its elaborate credit assessment procedure for selecting such assets:

For CDS, Putnam selects single-name RMBS from a universe of credits it tracks (appx. 500 names). Internal criteria are used to help the group further weed out certain bad characteristics, while leaving a sufficient pool size (e.g. 300 names) for Putnam to create bid lists, and recycle the bid list over a ramp up period.

84. The Collateral Description/Assessment section of the Application then stated that "[t]he asset manager will select the target portfolio subject to percentage limitations," and that "[t]he percentage limitations and collateral quality measures are appropriate for an ABS CDO and fits well within the asset manager's expertise."

85. The Application went on to provide "Management Biographies" for all ten Putnam representatives who would be involved in selecting and managing the Pyxis Portfolio, including Carl Bell, and further provided a six page description of FGIC's "Putnam Investments

Manager Review,” setting forth in detail the results of FGIC’s August 3, 2006 due diligence meeting with Putnam and its August 7, 2006 follow-up call. This Manager Review concluded that “Putnam Investments is a strong investment company with robust infrastructure and long experience of various assets under management.”

**C. The Pyxis Offering Memorandum Reinforced Putnam’s Affirmative Misrepresentations**

86. Putnam’s representations that Putnam—and Putnam alone—would select and manage the Pyxis portfolio were further reinforced by the October 2, 2006 offering memorandum for Pyxis. A large portion of the memorandum was specifically stated to have been prepared by and to be the sole responsibility of Putnam. The offering memorandum represented that the “Fixed Income Group” of Putnam “will select and manage the Collateral [portfolio]” and “will manage the assets of the Issuer,” and that “[d]ay-to-day portfolio management” will “be the joint responsibility of [Putnam’s] CDO & Portfolio Credit Team.” The offering memorandum further touted Putnam’s vast experience in managing structured assets.

87. Most importantly, Putnam represented in the Offering Memorandum that, pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, Putnam was required to “supervise and direct the investment and reinvestment of the Collateral” and to “perform its obligations hereunder and under the Indenture with reasonable care and in good faith using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Collateral Manager exercises with respect to comparable assets that it manages for others with similar objectives and policies, and to carry out its obligations hereunder in a manner consistent with the practices and procedures followed by prudent institutional managers of national standing,” a representation that is reiterated in the Collateral Management Agreement.

88. On October 3, 2006, in reliance on Putnam's representations that it would select the assets for the Pyxis Portfolio, acting independently and diligently in the interests of long investors, FGIC issued the Pyxis Guaranty to Calyon. Pursuant to the Pyxis Guaranty, FGIC agreed to provide credit protection on \$900 million of Pyxis Super Senior Notes.

**D. Putnam's Material Omissions and Concealments**

89. Putnam's representations were egregiously false. Putnam improperly concealed critical facts regarding Pyxis from FGIC. Most importantly, Putnam concealed the fact that the Pyxis Portfolio was not in fact selected by Putnam, acting independently. On the contrary, as set forth below, the selection of the assets for Pyxis was ultimately controlled by a net short investor with veto power over these assets—Magnetar.

90. Magnetar selected collateral managers for its CDOs based on their willingness to cooperate with Magnetar. Magnetar had an especially close relationship with Putnam through Magnetar executive James Prusko, the former Putnam employee who had been Carl Bell's superior at Putnam. Prusko had actually been terminated for cause by Putnam in 2003 for excessive trading of growth mutual funds in his personal brokerage account. However, this did not stop Putnam, in particular Bell, from working closely with and taking direction from him on Pyxis. Bell was the Putnam representative putatively responsible for selecting the Pyxis Portfolio and for marketing the Pyxis Guaranty to FGIC. But while Putnam was the nominal collateral manager for Pyxis, in reality, Magnetar controlled collateral selection for this deal. Putnam's abdication of its duty to select assets independently and in good faith for the Pyxis CDO was, as Putnam knew, in blatant contravention of the representations it had made to FGIC of a careful, rigorous asset selection process. At Magnetar's direction, assets were selected for inclusion in the Pyxis portfolio through a process that emphasized weaker assets over stronger ones, so as to benefit Magnetar's short CDS positions at the expense of long investors like FGIC.

However, Putnam concealed this information from FGIC to ensure that the Pyxis Guaranty closed, which in turn ensured that Pyxis itself closed. As a result, Putnam obtained substantial fees for its putative management of Pyxis and secured additional deal volume from Magnetar, and Magnetar reaped substantial profits from its net short position on Pyxis, while FGIC was required to pay out a huge sum pursuant to its Policy.

**1. Documentary Evidence Confirms That Putnam Secretly Allowed Magnetar To Rig The Pyxis Asset Selection Process, Allowing Magnetar to Successfully Short The Pyxis Portfolio**

91. A number of email communications between employees of Calyon, Putnam, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank (Magnetar's co-equity sponsor on Pyxis), relating specifically to Pyxis, became public last year in the *Loreley* litigation brought by Pyxis investors against Calyon and Putnam. Further email communications, as well as testimony from various Putnam employees, became public last month in the lawsuit filed by the Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against Putnam relating to its management of Pyxis and a second Pyxis deal that closed a few months after Pyxis and for which Putnam was also selected as the collateral manager, Pyxis ABS CDO 2007-1 ("Pyxis 2"). This evidence confirms the control which Magnetar exercised over the Pyxis asset selection process, and Putnam's abdication of responsibility for managing the Pyxis collateral. It also confirms Magnetar's use of Pyxis as a vehicle for its short strategy, Putnam's awareness of and complicity in Magnetar's scheme, and their joint understanding that they would have to conceal their actions in order for the scheme to succeed. The authenticity of this evidence is unquestioned.

92. From the beginning, Magnetar—not Putnam—was actually in control of the collateral selection process of Pyxis. Magnetar conceived and organized the Pyxis transaction, and set the initial investment goals. According to the testimony of both the Putnam Head of Investments at Putnam and Carl Bell, in early 2006, Jim Prusko approached Putnam to ask if it

would act as the collateral manager for Pyxis. Prusko made clear to Bell that Pyxis would have a hybrid structure focused on “subordinate ... BBB rated residential bonds.” Prusko also recommended that Calyon serve as the structurer for Pyxis, and introduced Calyon’s Head of CDOs, Alex Rekeda, to Carl Bell and others at Putnam.

93. Prusko made clear that he expected Putnam to cooperate with Magnetar on Pyxis. In May 2006, in an exchange of emails between Carl Bell (Putnam), Alex Rekeda (Calyon), Jim Prusko (Magnetar) and Michael Henriques (Deutsche Bank), relating to the “cash flow” features of the Orion CDO, Rekeda noted that Putnam had discovered that the “the IRR is really in excess of 30%,” which “shocks them a little bit,” and raised the possibility of “another round of the fee negotiation [sic]” with respect to Putnam’s fee for Pyxis. Prusko replied: “Fee not negotiable. *Take it or leave it, plenty of managers will do this deal. I want to do it with them for a variety of reasons, **but they have to play ball.***” (Emphasis added.) Henriques responded: “I agree with jim [sic], but I don’t think that is the issue with Putnam. . . . *In the end . . . I think they will likely be helpful . . .*” (Emphasis added.)

94. Putnam was also well aware that Magnetar had a conflict of interest. Magnetar made clear to Putnam from the beginning of discussions concerning Pyxis that it would be taking a substantial short position on Pyxis. According to Bell, Prusko told him that Pyxis was one of a number of CDOs on which Magnetar and Deutsche Bank were pursuing a “hedged equity strategy.” Bell understood this to mean that Magnetar “really had both sides, so the deal itself would have one side where [Pyxis 2006] would be selling protection, and [Prusko’s] hedge would be on the other side where he’d be buying protection.” Bell testified that “the one thing [Prusko] definitely wanted to do was if we were going to go out, which we had to do, and sell protection, [Prusko] wanted to have ... access to that because it was the supply he needed.”

Confirming this, in a June 2006 email, Bell told Henriques: “Hedged equity should do very well in a general economic based loss environment[] (which I believe is your investment thesis).”

Henriques replied, “yes, that is the thesis.” Id. ¶ 64 (emphases added).

95. According to Bell, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank also dictated the terms of the engagement letter and warehouse agreement governing Pyxis. Michael Henriques told Bell that Magnetar and Deutsche Bank “[w]ant[ed] a constraint that minimum 90% is sub-prime or mid-prime collateral.” Magnetar and Deutsche Bank then made a “behind the scenes” arrangement with Calyon, of which Putnam was fully aware, that Calyon or Putnam would notify them of any proposed acquisition for the Pyxis Portfolio and that they would have the right to veto any such acquisition. In June 2006, for example, Benjamin Lee (Calyon), Alex Rekedá, Jim Prusko, Michael Henriques and Kurt Palmer (Deutsche Bank) discussed via email an “Equity Purchase Letter . . . *between CAL YON and DB & Magnetar only*” for Pyxis in order to keep their involvement secret from investors. (Emphasis added.) In this exchange, Lee asked Prusko if he “was proposing that we execute the 3 Putnam docs [for Pyxis] in exactly the same way that we did the Orion docs—that is, *DB is the only party in the docs, and any arrangement between DB and Magnetar is done behind the scenes and outside of the docs.*” Subsequently, Lee sent the same group an email attaching “the warehouse side letter *giving DB and Magnetar veto rights over any warehouse asset.*” (Emphasis added.) The attached draft agreement between Calyon, Deutsche Bank and Magnetar provided: “CALYON hereby agrees that each of *Deutsche Bank and Magnetar* (for so long as the respective Equity Purchase Letter has not been terminated) *shall have the right to object to the proposed acquisition of any asset pursuant to the Warehouse Agreement within 24 hours after notification thereof has been sent to Deutsche Bank and Magnetar by CAL YON or the Investment Adviser [Putnam] (provided, that one of Calyon or*

*the Investment Adviser will promptly provide such notification) and CALYON as the warehouse provider shall not give its approval to acquire any such asset if it has been objected to by either Deutsche Bank or Magnetar.*” (Emphasis added.) Putnam was fully aware of this agreement, as the agreement required Putnam to provide notice of proposed Pyxis CDO investments to Magnetar. Moreover, Putnam did in fact allow Magnetar to exercise this secret control over the Pyxis Portfolio. Prusko, Bell and Alex Rekada had numerous communications in which Prusko made clear what collateral he wanted to include in the Pyxis portfolio and his desire to short both this collateral and the entire portfolio. Bell testified that during the collateral selection phase for Pyxis, “Magnetar put forward model portfolios that they liked. They put forward example portfolios from other deals. They put forward examples of assets they bought at other deals, so Magnetar actively put forward their investment views.” Magnetar also made clear to Putnam that it would directly source Pyxis’ CDO exposure itself and that Putnam was not to purchase any such exposure itself unless Magnetar had closely vetted it beforehand.

96. Putnam acquiesced in all of this. Indeed, it actively invited Magnetar’s direction. For example, in late June 2006, Bell emailed Prusko and Henriques: “I want to get your incremental profile constraints (minimum subprime) into the marketing book today. Have you sent these to Calyon? We need these constraints before we see the debt investors on Thursday. [Rekada] will be calling.” Around the same time, Prusko emailed Putnam’s Head of Investments to comment on Putnam’s first asset purchases for the Pyxis warehouse: “Looks like the fellahs came out of the gate strong today. I’m very excited!” Putnam’s Head of Investments replied: “Was banging on them to get it on. Good start. [Bell] talking about a big chunk of [ABX Index, an Index of low-rated RMBS] to lock ... [i]n w[ider] spreads.”

97. Also around this time, Prusko emailed Bell to ask him to send him a trade log each night of what collateral had been purchased for the warehouse, which Bell agreed to do. *Id.* ¶ 101. Prusko commented on these logs as he received them. For example, in early July 2006, he emailed Bell: “List results look very good.”

98. Shortly after the July 4, 2006 holiday, Prusko emailed Bell to suggest that Putnam have Pyxis enter into CDS related to the ABX Index of low-rated RMBS, and that the synthetic portion of Pyxis be increased, to allow Magnetar to short more of the assets referenced by the ABX Index. Prusko explained: “*It’s very hard to get off sizable CDO CDS trades unless they’re done against a deal, and this is a natural delta hedge against our equity.*” Bell replied: “*Got it. So when we find a deal we want to buy, we shouldn’t put in an order with the syndicate desk but have Calyon broker a synthetic trade between you and [Pyxis] at an agreed upon level?*” Prusko responded: “*That would be preferable ....*” (Emphases added).

99. Putnam and Magnetar continued to act together in discussing and selecting specific assets for Pyxis (and for Magnetar’s short portfolio). Indeed, selecting assets favored by Magnetar and facilitating Magnetar’s short strategy appears to have been one of Putnam’s primary goals in connection with Pyxis. Thus, on July 27, 2006, Prusko met with Bell to discuss Magnetar’s experience purchasing CDS on collateral within the Orion CDO with a view to executing the same types of trades in Pyxis.

100. In early August 2006, in an exchange of emails between Alex Rekeda, Benjamin Lee (Calyon), Carl Bell, John Van Tassel (Putnam), Jim Prusko, Michael Henriques and Kurt Palmer, among others, Lee asked Bell and Van Tassel to “give a brief description of your ramp up strategy and timing regarding the CDO assets,” and also asked if “you have any interest on AA of Lincoln Ave and 4mln of Orion [*Magnetar deal*] that Bill Budd showed?” (Emphasis



added.) Bell responded by providing the group with a summary of the CDO assets Putnam had warehoused so far, to which Prusko replied: “*We [Magnetar] are going to source the CDO exposure synthetically. We will buy CDO CDS on names of your choosing at mid-market, or bid list +3bp, whatever you prefer. Any recent mezz abs deal is fine. I can send you a list of what’s in our other deals if it’s helpful.*” (Emphasis added.) Prusko then provided Bell with a list of “[t]ypical names that we see in other deals a lot,” including Orion and Cetus (both Magnetar deals). (Emphasis added.)

101. Subsequently, Prusko sent a private email to Alex Rekeda to confirm that Magnetar would maintain control over asset selection for Pyxis, which stated, “*Please stay on top of Putnam CDO situation, get a little nervous when I hear about Bill Budd peddling desk axes to them, although not too worried about Putnam doing anything rash. . . . If they add any CDO exposure that is not sourced by me, I want Michael [Henriques] and I to have a long look at it first.*” (Emphasis added.) Rekeda responded: “*Sure —I will ask our trading to forward you any CDO requests.*” (Emphasis added.) Prusko replied in turn, copying Michael Henriques: “*Don’t like that they are buying CDO’s without us knowing about it. At least I don’t think I knew about it. I’ll check in with Carl [Bell], just saw him, thought we were on the same page with us buying the cdo cds.*” (Emphasis added.)

102. On August 10, 2006, Prusko emailed two members of Putnam’s CDO team: “I need to buy protection on abx1 ffml and sasc and abx2 arsi [RMBS in the ABX Indexes]. If u have any ability to add these to [the] portfolio [it] would really help me out.” One of the Putnam employees replied that they already had \$8 million of SASC and \$12 million of ARSI in the warehouse in CDS form, and that “[i]f we can live with the spread give up, we can easily add the FFML.” *Id.* ¶ 106 (emphases added).

103. In mid-August 2006, Prusko emailed Bell to suggest including as many ABX assets as possible in Pyxis: *“What I need from you guys is a complete list, of the 40 names in ABX [Index] 1 and 2, how many can you approve to go into the deal?”* On August 23, 2006, a Putnam employee emailed Prusko to tell him which ABX assets Putnam was interested in including in Pyxis, and asked where they could obtain these assets. Prusko replied by listing twelve assets and estimated bids for the assets that he could “fill in” for Pyxis. Bell forwarded the list to a Putnam mortgage specialist responsible for asset acquisition and told him, “we can/should do the ones 100+ that you like.” *Id.* ¶ 110 (emphasis added). The Putnam mortgage specialist agreed to have Pyxis sell Magnetar protection on the first three assets on Prusko’s list. *Id.* ¶ 111. Calyon approved two of the trades but balked at the third due to its low spread relative to its lower rating. Bell emailed Calyon: *“It is counter to the interests of the equity investors in this deal to cherry pick what we find at this stage of the process. I request that you reconsider on this asset.”* This email was forwarded to Prusko, who wrote to Putnam and Calyon: *“Please approve this one, then we can review structure [with] [P]utnam.”* Calyon replied: *“Ok.”* (Emphases added).

104. On August 29, 2006, Prusko forwarded to Putnam a bid list for four FFML bonds and asked: “You guys like this name?” Two hours later, a member of the Putnam CDO team submitted a request to Calyon to purchase two of these bonds for Pyxis.

105. On September 5, 2006, Putnam emailed Calyon seeking approval to acquire four CDOs for Pyxis, including Jackson 2006-1 and Buchanan 2006-1, which Calyon granted. Putnam forwarded this list to Prusko, who replied: *“I would prefer we do these synthetically and we buy the protection. I have been trying to buy protection on Jackson and Buchanan.”* (Emphasis added).

106. A few days later, Putnam emailed Prusko that it was considering acquiring \$5 million of a CDO through a CDS and asked if he would like to buy protection on the asset. Prusko said he would, and Calyon approved the transaction.

107. In mid-September 2006, Putnam emailed Prusko to ask if he was interested in buying protection on any Gemstone CDOs. Prusko replied: “Would prefer to do [Gemstone] 6 at this time, kind of full on the others. I can do your full size.” Putnam requested Calyon’s approval to sell protection on Gemstone 6 to Magnetar, which Calyon granted. *Id.* ¶ 117.

108. In a September 2006 exchange of emails between Craig Weiner (Putnam), Alex Rekeda, Mauro Calderon (Calyon), and numerous other employees of Calyon and Putnam, Calderon questioned whether a trade ticket showing Magnetar purchasing *the short side* of a CDS for the Pyxis Portfolio was correct. Weiner confirmed: “*It is definitely Magnetar.*” (Emphasis added.)

109. This trade ticket provides further confirmation not only that Putnam knew Magnetar was shorting Pyxis collateral but that Putnam abdicated its portfolio selection responsibilities to Magnetar. Despite Putnam’s confirmation that the trade should be booked to Magnetar, the CDS premium and amount of the trade do not correspond to any trade in the Pyxis Portfolio. They do, however, correspond to a trade in the portfolio of a separate Magnetar CDO, Octans III, which was managed by Harding Advisory and underwritten by Citigroup, and in which Putnam was not involved. Thus, it appears that Calyon executed a trade for Pyxis that Magnetar actually intended for Octans III. (Moreover, this particular trade was an unusual “offset trade” of the type common in several Magnetar CDOs with large ABX Index exposures.) The most plausible explanation for this is that Magnetar got the trading orders for two of its deals mixed up, that Putnam instructed Calyon to execute the trade for Pyxis at Magnetar’s direction,

and that Putnam then reversed the instruction when it discovered that Magnetar in fact wanted the trade to be made for Octans III. In other words, Putnam was following Magnetar's orders, not exercising its own independent judgment.

110. Putnam's abdication of its collateral selection responsibilities to Magnetar is further confirmed by a remarkably brazen exchange of emails between Magnetar, Deutsche Bank and Calyon with respect to Orion 2006-2 Ltd. ("Orion 2"), the successor to Orion. In this exchange, Michael Henriques (Deutsche Bank) specifically contrasted Putnam's acquiescence on Pyxis with the recalcitrance of NIBC Credit Management, Inc. ("NIBC" or "NIB"), the collateral manager slated for Orion 2. When NIBC balked at Magnetar's and Deutsche Bank's insistence that they have the right to terminate NIBC without cause, Henriques asked if NIBC wanted to *"go back to the regular style CDOs with 400mm mezz deals, scrapping for cash bonds, spending 9 months on ramp-up and 3-months marketing, to get 40bps running on a 400mm balance."* (Emphasis added.) Henriques pointed out that *"[i]n those deals there is no single party that can exercise significant control so that their smaller fee stream is virtually assured,"* and that *"the velocity of deals is much lower and the effort to buy those 400mm of bonds will be higher than our 1.5bln."* (Emphasis added.) Remarkably, he went so far as to say that *"[t]hese deals are not CDOs, but they are structured separate accounts."* (Emphasis added.) Most significantly, for present purposes, he concluded: *"I think Putnam got it. NIB doesn't."* (Emphasis added.)

111. Later in the same exchange, Henriques reiterated that "I don't think [NIBC's responses] reflect a spirit of partnership that is appropriate for a *separate account mandate*," and complained that "we are being treated like a typical 3rd party cdo investor, but does nib have any asset management clients *who directly engaged them and pay \$5.5mm/yr in fees?*" (Emphasis added.) Again, he drew a telling comparison to Putnam: *"We have provided a precedent with*

*respect to Putnam.*” (Emphasis added.) Thus, in seeking to convince NIBC to accede to Magnetar’s and Deutsche Bank’s demands to exercise control over the CDO, Henriques pointed to Putnam as an example or “precedent” of a firm willing to manage CDOs as structured accounts for the benefit of Magnetar and Deutsche Bank, understanding that they were far more than “typical 3d party cdo investor[s].”

112. This email exchange confirms that Putnam had a clear and compelling motive for acquiescing in Magnetar’s control over the selection of the Pyxis Portfolio: to obtain large fees with relatively little effort, which would be “virtually assured” by Magnetar’s equity stake in and its “significant control” over the CDO. Moreover, if, but only if, Putnam cooperated with Magnetar on Pyxis, it stood to gain additional, similarly lucrative deal volume from Magnetar. Thus, Putnam’s subsequent selection to serve as collateral manager for another Pyxis CDO, Pyxis 2, provides yet further confirmation of Putnam’s abdication of its Pyxis Portfolio selection responsibilities.

113. Putnam understood that concealing knowledge of Magnetar’s involvement in, and its shorting strategy for, Pyxis was inappropriate. It also knew that knowledge of Magnetar’s role would materially affect the investment decisions of Pyxis investors. Specifically, Putnam knew there was no way FGIC would provide \$900 million of financial guaranty insurance for Pyxis if it knew this. Thus, Putnam actively worked to conceal this knowledge from investors. For example, after an August 3, 2006 due diligence meeting with potential Pyxis investors, Bell emailed Reveda that one of the investors, whom Reveda described as “the only party that can prevent this deal from happening on time,” was unhappy with the “triggerless” structure of Pyxis. As Bell noted, this structure was important to Magnetar because it would protect its “recovery value in a high-stress environment.” Reveda replied that Bell should keep Magnetar

out of any explanation of the structure: “*any time a manager is trying to negotiate a structure, while mentioning the equity investor, it immediately raises a redflag. ... we should try to offer [the investor] some other rationale rather than interests of the junior investors.*” (Emphasis added.)

114. Indeed, Putnam continued to actively conceal the role of Magnetar in the Pyxis transaction long after the deal closed. Thus, in November 2007, a representative of FGIC emailed Bell to request a meeting concerning Pyxis. Among other things, FGIC wanted to discuss “how Putnam became involved in the transaction. *Specifically, I believe you[r] equity investor has a rather unique approach to investing in ABS CDOs. I would like to know what you know about them and what your level of communication is with them.*” Bell replied: “*There is probably very little we can discuss under [that topic].*” (Emphases added).

115. Putnam was well aware how much money Magnetar had made from shorting Pyxis. Thus, on July 13, 2007, Michael Henriques, who had moved to Magnetar after Pyxis closed, emailed Bell to schedule drinks or dinner with himself and Prusko. Bell replied: “Sure. *Going to bring your money bags?*” (Emphasis added). Again, in early August 2007, Putnam’s MBS team leader emailed Prusko: “[A]re you enjoying this market?” Prusko replied: “[n]ot sure enjoy is the right word, watching [w]orld end always very stressful, but *at least making truckloads of loot like u read about.*” (Emphasis added).

116. After much of the above information came to light in the *Loreley* case, the claims of the Pyxis investors who filed suit in that case were promptly settled for an undisclosed amount. The suit by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against Putnam is still ongoing.

**2. Magnetar Directed Putnam to Invest in Other Magnetar CDOs for the Pyxis Portfolio To Further Guarantee the Demise of Pyxis and the Success of the Magnetar Shorting Scheme**

117. As a further demonstration of Magnetar's influence over Pyxis Portfolio selection, Pyxis invested heavily in other Magnetar CDOs—without informing FGIC—in an undisclosed arrangement designed to fuel Magnetar's broader CDO shorting machine. In fact, Putnam ultimately invested *over half* of Pyxis' cash allocated to CDO investments in four other Magnetar CDOs—even though there were 223 ABS CDOs issued in 2006 alone from which Putnam could have made its selection. These four Magnetar CDOs were in turn invested in yet more Magnetar CDOs, meaning that Pyxis ultimately had exposure to at least fifteen Magnetar CDOs. Not surprisingly, all fifteen defaulted—and Magnetar profited from each such default. FGIC was kept completely in the dark and had no way to discover this, as Magnetar's shorting scheme was a closely held secret.

118. Further evidence of Magnetar's role is the fact that three of the Magnetar CDOs in which Pyxis invested did not close until well *after* Pyxis closed. On information and belief, even on other Magnetar deals, no collateral manager added more Magnetar CDOs to a portfolio after the deal had closed than Putnam, and, after the first five Magnetar CDOs had closed, no collateral manager added as *many* such CDOs post-closing as Putnam.

119. Moreover, also unbeknownst to FGIC, at least six other Magnetar CDOs owned securities issued by Pyxis.

120. Pyxis was thus an integral part of Magnetar's complex cross-ownership scheme among the Constellation CDOs to create a market for these CDOs to build Magnetar's shorting positions. As part of this scheme, Magnetar caused Pyxis to invest heavily in numerous other Magnetar CDOs, most of which Magnetar was also shorting. These other CDOs were in turn, at

Magnetar's direction, heavily invested in Pyxis and in the other CDOs in the group, creating an extensive web of deception and interrelationships, which is graphically illustrated below:





**3. Further Proof of Control Was the Fact that There Was a High Correlation Between the Pyxis Portfolio And the Portfolios of Other Constellation CDOs**

121. As the chart above graphically demonstrates, this scheme did not happen randomly. It was carefully choreographed to bring about a desired result. Magnetar had identified a set of high-risk CDO and RMBS transactions, in addition to its own CDOs, which it specifically targeted. Magnetar either instructed or persuaded its collateral managers to include in its CDOs (or reference in credit default swaps issued by its CDOs) securities issued by the targeted high-risk RMBS and CDO's. At Magnetar's behest, Putnam selected securities issued by many of the targeted RMBS and CDOs for Pyxis. This resulted in an undisclosed, remarkably high correlation between the issuers whose securities were held or referenced by Pyxis and the issuers whose securities were held or referenced by other Constellation CDOs. For instance, of the 163 unique CUSIPs in the Pyxis Portfolio, fully 90 CUSIPs (or 55%) referenced RMBS or CDOs whose securities were included in at least five other Magnetar CDOs, while 45 CUSIPs (or 28%) referenced RMBS or CDOs whose securities were included in at least ten other Magnetar CDOs. There is no way this could have happened by chance—especially given that there were well over 1,000 RMBS issued in 2005-2007 (more than half in 2006 alone) from which the RMBS in the Pyxis Portfolio could have been selected, and there were more than 500 ABS CDOs issued in the same period from which the CDOs in the Pyxis Portfolio could have been selected.

**4. The Statistical Probability of the Cross-Referencing and Portfolio Correlations Observed between All Constellation CDOs Occurring by Chance is Less than One in a Billion**

122. Given the substantial cross-referencing and portfolio correlation between all Constellation CDOs, not merely Pyxis, FGIC retained a firm of economic consultants to perform

analysis to assess the likelihood of this correlation occurring by chance if all Constellation CDO managers had been acting independently. This analysis concluded that:

- “Constellation CDOs have a high percentage of CUSIPs [designations used to identify securities] and issuers that repeat across the 23 CDOs. This may indicate that the portfolio selection by independent portfolio managers was influenced by an external factor.”
- “Constellation CDOs also have a high percentage of references to other [C]onstellation CDOs.”
- “This referencing is statistically greater than one would normally expect across independent portfolio managers. *The probability of this happening by chance across independent portfolio managers is less than 1 in a billion.* This probability is in line with the probabilities observed in the options backdating cases, which was reported in the WSJ and initiated numerous SEC investigations and class action lawsuits.” (Emphasis added.)

## **5. Putnam Circumvented Limits On The ABX Index**

123. Putnam also concealed the extent to which Pyxis sold protection on the ABX Index of low-rated RMBS. The ABX Index is a benchmark created by an independent financial information company called Markit. The Index is designed to measure the overall value of mortgages made to borrowers with subprime or weak credit. If the Index increases, it means the securities are less risky. If it decreases, the opposite is true. Magnetar pushed Putnam to circumvent the represented limit on investment in the ABX Index by causing Pyxis to sell protection against both the ABX Index itself and the individual constituent RMBS in the ABX Index. In total, Pyxis sold protection on \$240 million of RMBS comprising all 40 constituents included in the ABX BBB- 06-1 and ABX BBB- 06-2 Indices—more than three times the specified concentration limit. Increasing the portion of the Pyxis portfolio devoted to the ABX Index resulted in a greater concentration of risk on a small number of transactions, and a greater correlation of the Pyxis portfolio with the ABX Index and with the portfolios of other Constellation CDOs. Increasing this concentration and correlation meant increasing the risk

profile of the Pyxis Portfolio as well, which worked in favor of a net short investor like Magnetar, at the expense of long investors like FGIC.

**6. Pyxis Included Offset Trades on ABX Index Components of a Type Unique to Magnetar CDOs**

124. Magnetar's control over the Pyxis Portfolio is further proven by the fact that, on at least three occasions, Pyxis purchased protection to offset previously acquired exposures to individual components of an ABX Index. The February 6, 2007 Trustee Report for Pyxis shows three such offset securities referencing the following ABX Index components: Ace Securities 2005-HE7; BSABS 2005-HE11; and RASC 2005-KS11. These trades represent a unique signature technique executed as part of a complex ABX Index arbitrage strategy used by Magnetar in many of its CDOs (including Norma, Draco, Octans, Auriga, Virgo, and Lacerta, among others), pursuant to which the CDO would buy protection (often from Magnetar) on an ABX Index component security to which the CDO had previously acquired a long exposure (by virtue of either an ABX Index trade which was part of a CDS referencing an ABX Index—as was the case in Pyxis—or by virtue of a disguised Index trade simultaneously referencing each individual Index component). In many instances, these trades resulted in a cash loss to the CDO which accrued to the benefit of Magnetar. Since this was a signature trading technique used only by Magnetar, it points to Magnetar's control over these trades.

125. Two other features of these three offset trades also indicate Magnetar's control. First, the BSABS 2005-HE11 trade is the same trade referenced in ¶¶ 108-109 above, whose CDS terms do not correspond to this Pyxis 2006-1 trade but rather to an Octans III trade. Second, it is noteworthy that the three Pyxis trades which were offset referenced 2005-vintage RMBS collateral. This 2005-vintage collateral was generally viewed to be of higher quality than 2006-vintage collateral. Thus the removal of these securities from the Pyxis Portfolio further

weakened the credit quality of the Pyxis Portfolio and increased the chances of success of the Magnetar shorting strategy.

**7. Notwithstanding Representations to the Contrary, the Final Pyxis Portfolio Did Not Contain Any Prime RMBS Assets**

126. Mortgages given to “prime” customers, *i.e.*, those who have high credit ratings, are inherently less risky than those given to “subprime” customers. That means that, statistically, they are much less likely to default. Thus, from FGIC’s perspective, the more prime mortgages there were in the Pyxis Portfolio, the lower the risk that Pyxis would default and, thus, the lower the risk that FGIC would have to make payments under the Pyxis Guaranty.

127. The Pyxis “target portfolio” provided to FGIC by Calyon and Putnam initially included at least \$60 million of prime RMBS assets. This was later revised to include at least \$145 million of such assets. In fact the final ramped portfolio did not contain a *single* prime RMBS asset. Putnam ultimately rejected these relatively risk remote investments in favor of investments in higher risk mid-prime or subprime assets, as well as tranches of high-risk Constellation deals, all of which defaulted.

128. The only plausible explanation for Putnam’s decision to reject these relatively risk remote investments in favor of investments in higher risk assets, despite its representations that a substantial amount of prime RMBS would be included in the portfolio, is that Putnam submitted to Magnetar’s direction to select higher risk investments which were more likely to, and in fact did, default, in order to further Magnetar’s shorting strategy with respect to Pyxis.

**8. Magnetar’s Control Over Pyxis, and Putnam’s Acquiescence in Its Control, Was Strikingly Similar to the Process by Which Magnetar’s Other CDOs Were Structured**

129. As more information has come to light about the “Magnetar Trade” and Magnetar’s involvement in the CDO business generally, it has become apparent that Pyxis was



only one of numerous CDOs over which Magnetar exercised tight control over asset selection in order to fuel its lucrative shorting scheme, securing the acquiescence of banks and collateral managers with the promise of large, easily realized fees and deal volume. The striking similarity between Magnetar's conduct with respect to each of these other deals makes it highly implausible that Magnetar would have allowed Putnam to control the selection of the Pyxis Portfolio. It provides still further confirmation that Magnetar in fact exercised close control over this process, with the knowledge and acquiescence of Putnam, for Putnam's and Magnetar's benefit.

130. ***Orion and Orion 2*** As they did with Pyxis, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank also exercised tight control over the collateral manager NIBC's selection of assets for the portfolios of the Orion and Orion 2 CDOs, working closely with NIBC to make sure that the assets included in the portfolio were assets Magnetar wanted to short. For example, in a July 2006 email to Alex Rekedda, Michael Henriques and Kurt Palmer relating to "Orion CDO Trades," Jim Prusko of Magnetar stated: "Arjun Kakar [NIBC] is going to send me a list of CDO's tomorrow. *We will buy protection from the deal on agreed upon names and that will fill the bucket.*" (Emphasis added.) Similarly, Magnetar and Deutsche Bank insisted on the right to terminate NIBC as the collateral manager for Orion 2 if it performed inadequately. When NIBC balked at this, Michael Henriques of Deutsche Bank threatened in a November 2006 email to make NIBC "go back to the regular style CDOs [where] there is no single party that can exercise significant control so that their . . . fee stream is virtually assured." (Emphasis added.) Henriques further complained that NIBC's conduct did not "reflect a spirit of partnership that is appropriate for a separate account mandate where the equity[investor] . . . directly engaged them and pay \$5.5mm/yr in fees?" (Emphasis added.) NIBC appears to have capitulated, given that it did

ultimately act as the collateral manager for Orion 2 and that the Orion 2 portfolio was eventually stocked with the usual collection of cross-owned Magnetar and Magnetar-approved CDOs and other Magnetar-approved investments.

131. **Squared** Magnetar also exercised tight control over another CDO, Squared CDO 2007-1 (“Squared”), which was structured and marketed by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (“JP Morgan”) and for which GSCP (NJ) L.P. (“GSC”) acted as the collateral manager. As in its other CDOs, Magnetar purchased the equity in Squared. However, as an internal Magnetar email from January 2007 confirms, Magnetar regarded its equity position as “basically nothing” and stated that it was “*just doing it [taking the equity position]. . . to buy some protection.*” (Emphasis added.) Indeed, by the time the deal closed in May 2007, Magnetar’s \$600 million short position completely dwarfed its \$8.9 million long position.

132. Magnetar played a significant role in selecting the collateral for Squared. For example, on February 8, 2007, Magnetar informed GSC via email that it would “like to do a list of names with [them] . . . if [they] have them ready.” The next day, GSC gave Magnetar a list of 12 proposed CDO securities for the Squared portfolio, of which Magnetar agreed to short six. These six securities were subsequently included in the Squared portfolio, and both GSC and JP Morgan were aware that Magnetar was shorting them.

133. Similarly, in early April 2007, JP Morgan sent Magnetar a list of 28 names for inclusion in the Squared portfolio, which included ten names on which Magnetar had previously decided it did not want to take a short position. A Magnetar employee forwarded this list to GSC and complained: “To be honest, I don’t love it, some recent deals I’d like to get in there are missing. Also, think they’re missing some of the trades to which we’ve already agreed. Lets discuss [sic].” In an internal email about the same time, Magnetar characterized JP Morgan’s list

as “stupid” and explained that it needed to “*use GSC to get some decent shorts off on the balance of the portfolio.*” (Emphasis added.) All ten securities to which Magnetar objected were excluded from the final portfolio.

134. Also in early April 2007, GSC sent Magnetar a list of certain bonds they had discussed for possible inclusion in the Squared portfolio, and “*highlighted the names which [Magnetar] had interest in shorting into the deal.*” (Emphasis added.) A week later, JP Morgan sent GSC a list of CDO securities, on twelve of which Magnetar had agreed to take a short position, and asked GSC if all of these securities had been approved. That same day, Magnetar sent JP Morgan the CDO list and noted that it “*looks like we [Magnetar] are shorting in \$168 million.*” (Emphasis added.) Additional lists were exchanged between Magnetar and JP Morgan, and the next day JP Morgan sent GSC an updated Squared portfolio stating: “*These are the names and levels agreed with Magnetar.*” (Emphasis added.)

135. In June 2011, JP Morgan paid \$153.6 million to settle charges brought against it by the SEC for its role in structuring the Squared CDO.

136. **Norma** Magnetar also exercised tight control over the selection of assets for the portfolio of Norma CDO 1 Ltd (“Norma”), which was structured and marketed by Merrill Lynch (“Merrill”) and for which NIR Capital Management, LLC (“NIR”) acted as the collateral manager. Magnetar provided the equity investment in Norma, but also took a much more substantial short position in the very assets it was directing NIR to select for Norma’s portfolio.

137. Magnetar’s control of the asset selection process for Norma is demonstrated by various emails that became public in a suit brought against Merrill by an investor in Norma. *See Cooperative Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank, B.A. (“Rabobank”) v. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.*, Index No. 601832/09 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County Aug. 19, 2009). In an August 2006



email, for example, Magnetar assumed NIR's role in directing Merrill on what purchases to execute for Norma, stating: "Here is the first batch of protection purchases I'm planning for NIR." A November 2006 email stated: "*Apparently NIR allowed Magnetar to do some trading for their [Norma] portfolio (in the area of 600MM).*" This accounted for a large chunk of trading that NIR originally didn't recognize." (Emphasis added.) This prompted a Merrill corporate risk manager to ask: "*Dumb question. Is Magnetar allowed to trade for NIR?*" (Emphasis added.)

138. Even on trades that NIR did execute for Norma, Magnetar exercised veto rights over the selection of each asset. One Magnetar email stated: "*I definitely want to approve any CDO's that go in the deal.*" (Emphasis added.) Another email rejected a NIR request to include TABS 2006-6A cash bonds in the portfolio, stating: "Afraid so, tabs in particular *I don't want the cash in there.*" (Emphasis added.)

139. By January 2007, Magnetar had already shorted \$600 million of synthetic assets which were contained in Norma's portfolio. In an email, Merrill recognized that Magnetar's short positions were much more important to Magnetar than its long investments, noting that Magnetar "is less worried about [its] deal pricings and more worried about where [it] can short paper in the aftermarket." Indeed, Magnetar's equity investment in Norma totaled less than \$50 million after receiving undisclosed amounts funded through the loan from Rabobank. This meant that Magnetar stood to make ten times more from its short position of \$600 million if Norma defaulted than it had invested in Norma's equity.

140. Rabobank's lawsuit against Merrill was also settled in 2010 for an undisclosed amount.

141. ***Carina*** Magnetar also closely controlled the selection of assets for the portfolio of another CDO, Carina CDO, Ltd. ("Carina"), which was structured by Deutsche Bank

and for which State Street Global Advisors (“State Street”) acted as the collateral manager. Once again, Magnetar provided the equity investment in Carina, at the same time as it was shorting the very assets it was directing State Street to include in Carina’s portfolio.

142. Magnetar’s control of the selection of assets for the Carina portfolio is demonstrated by various emails which recently came to light in a consent order issued against State Street by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In an email dated July 7, 2006, for example, the Magnetar Head of Structured Products (the “Magnetar Head”) asked the State Street Head of Structured Products (the “State Street Head”): “what’s [the] plan of action looking like?” In response, the State Street Head provided Magnetar with an update on the ramping phase of Carina and told him, “I’ll keep you posted on my progress.” A week later, the Magnetar Head sent the State Street Head another email saying: *“I’d like to establish a bit more of a dialogue between us. Discuss ramping strategy, talk about each list as it goes out, plan for non-sub/mid -prime sectors, market conditions, that sort of thing. Just talk briefly a few times a week.”* The State Street Head responded, *“Absolutely.”* (Emphasis added.)

143. A few weeks later, on August 3, 2006, the State Street Head emailed Deutsche Bank, copying Magnetar, to identify ten ABS CDO tranches on which State Street proposed to sell protection to establish a portion of Carina’s synthetic exposure. The Magnetar Head replied: *“I will buy protection on the four 06 deals at best bid+50bp.”* (Emphasis added.) A few weeks later still, high level personnel of State Street, Deutsche Bank and Magnetar entered into discussions about a possible Carina II CDO transaction. In one email, the Magnetar Head stated: *“As we did last time, I would like to strategize and discuss names for the CDO bucket before we execute any trades. Thought that worked out well for Carina 1. I will be taking the other side of*

*this first trade as approved such that I am effectively pairing off its risk . . . .*” The State Street Head responded: *“I’m happy to discuss the CDO bucket with you.”* (Emphasis added.)

144. In February 2012, State Street agreed to pay the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a \$5 million penalty for its conduct with respect to Carina.

145. The design for the “Magnetar trade” is further illuminated by a separate lawsuit brought by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against Deutsche Bank—Magnetar’s co-equity sponsor on Pyxis—with respect to Deutsche Bank’s misconduct on Carina. In March 2013, the parties submitted a Consent Order pursuant to which Deutsche Bank agreed to pay \$17.5 million to settle this lawsuit. The Consent Order lays out further documentary and testimonial evidence with respect to the Magnetar CDO scheme, and makes clear that Magnetar controlled collateral selection for its CDOs, including Pyxis. Among other things, this evidence shows that:

- Magnetar’s scheme involved establishing “[a] portfolio of core shorts,” which was “key if we’re going to run this thing like a pipeline.” *Id.* ¶ 23.
- Magnetar hand-picked the Carina collateral manager to ensure that it would take direction from Magnetar, rejecting another candidate who would not. As DBSI stated, “the way we are probably going to go is create a deal that Magnetar likes and find another manager to do it.” *Id.* ¶ 50.
- Magnetar was actually listed as a signatory in the first drafts of the Carina collateral manager engagement letter, although its signature was removed from the final version. *Id.* ¶ 72.
- Magnetar’s hand-picked collateral manager initially stated that it was “not comfortable with Magnetar shorting into the deal,” but eventually accepted it, helping to arrange these shorts. *Id.* ¶¶ 80, 109.
- In July 2006, Jim Prusko (Magnetar) warned the collateral manager not to acquire any collateral that was not “sub/mid-prime” (*i.e.*, that did not already have a high risk of default) without Magnetar’s “pre-ok.” *Id.* ¶ 98.
- Michael Henriques (DBSI) explained Prusko’s requirement of a “pre-ok” on the basis that “this is not just sponsoring a cdo, but really a highly structured separate account mandate. I think [DBSI’s CDO Group] and [the collateral manager] may be bothered by

that, but it is the nature of the arrangement, and with the other deals [which included Pyxis], we definitely have that interaction.” *Id.* ¶ 100.

- In August 2006, Prusko increased the fee paid to both the structurer and the collateral manager with respect to certain collateral they allowed Magnetar to short into Carina, stating: “[W]ant to reward for good behavior.” *Id.* ¶ 109.
- In September 2006, a DBSI employee noted that a prospective investor in Carina was “looking [to invest] but could get out. Do not like Magnetar shorts the BBBs.” To which another DBSI employee responded: “Why does [prospective investor] know that Magnetar is shorting BBBs?” *Id.* ¶ 119.
- By October 20, 2006, according to Henriques, Prusko was shorting not only BBB notes, but “AA’s as well”—indicating that he believed even higher rated Carina notes were likely to default. *Id.* ¶ 28.
- In January 2007, after Carina closed, Prusko discussed with Henriques whether they could “hide” Magnetar’s involvement in its CDOs. *Id.* ¶ 32.

146. As noted above, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has commenced a similar case against Putnam in connection with the Pyxis Transaction.

147. ***Class V III*** Just last month, details of Magnetar’s potential involvement in yet another CDO as an equity investor and its interest in shorting the same CDO’s portfolio came to light, in a case brought by the SEC against Citigroup and one of its executives, Brian Stoker, concerning their role in structuring and marketing the Class V Funding III CDO (“Class V III”). *See SEC v. Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*, 11-CV-7387 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2011); *SEC v. Stoker*, 11-CV-7388 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2011). Documents filed last month in support of the SEC’s claim include a number of emails from September-October 2006—around the time Pyxis closed—in which Citigroup employees discussed a potential buyer of protection on various Magnetar deals, including Pyxis, which were being considered for inclusion in the Class V III portfolio. This buyer, who was also being considered as a potential equity investor in Class V III, turned out to be none other than Jim Prusko of Magnetar. In a September 2006 exchange of emails between Prusko and various Citigroup employees, Prusko asked: “Pls have big DQ show

them jackson, buchanan and baldwin [CDOs] in synthetic form *so I can buy protection. This is a top priority for me!*” (Emphasis added.) Subsequent internal emails between Citigroup employees indicated that Prusko was also seeking shorts with respect to a Constellation CDO, Cetus 2, and stated “*we already created the short for him on Cetus 2.*” (Emphasis added.) The next day, Prusko told Citigroup again, “I would like them to sell me protection on Baldwin, Jackson and Buchanan if possible *as well as any of my deals of course.*” (Emphasis added.) Later that day, he provided a full list of deals against which he wanted to buy protection, again including Pyxis.

148. In late October 2006, internal Citigroup emails focused on the possibility of finding an equity investor in Class V III who would also buy protection on the deal. One email noted: “A lot of people are looking to do this ‘*Prusko-like*’ trade , *i.e. go long equity and short mezz in some form or other.*” (Emphasis added.) Two days later, an email from Brian Stoker stated: “*I’m torn on whether to include Prusko. 1) If he doesn’t add assets to the deal, and he keeps the equity, he’ll bug us about the assets we pick and our structuring fee. 2) If he adds assets and keeps a proportional % of the equity and he agrees to the assets we put in, then I’d include him b/c we get diversity benefit and get more structuring fees.*” (Emphasis added.)

149. The SEC submitted a Consent Judgment along with its Complaint against Citigroup, pursuant to which Citigroup agreed, among other things, to disgorge its \$160 million in profits on Class V III, plus \$30 million in interest thereon, and to pay a civil penalty of \$95 million—a total settlement of \$285 million. The Court refused to approve the Consent Judgment, on the basis that it was inadequate. *SEC v. Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*, 827 F. Supp. 2d 328, 332 (S.D.N.Y. 2011).

150. Separately, on June 6, 2012, the Court denied Brian Stoker’s motion to dismiss the SEC’s Complaint against him personally. *SEC v. Stoker*, 11-CV-7388 (S.D.N.Y. June 6, 2012). In its opinion, the Court noted, among other things, the SEC’s allegation that, “as Citigroup knew, *a significant portion of the market interest in shorting the Constellation CDOs came from the very hedge fund that helped create those CDOs [i.e., Magnetar].*” *Id.*, Slip Op. at 3.

## **VII. Putnam Benefited From Its Misconduct**

151. Putnam received substantial economic benefits from its fraudulent conduct. Putnam benefited by obtaining large fees—even by Magnetar deal standards—for serving as collateral manager for Pyxis. Putnam obtained these fees with relatively little effort or risk, because they were effectively assured by Magnetar’s control over Pyxis. Putnam also benefited from further deal volume from Magnetar, when it was chosen to act as collateral manager for Pyxis 2. Had it not cooperated with Magnetar’s scheme, Putnam would not have been chosen as collateral manager for either Pyxis 1 or Pyxis 2.

## **VIII. The Pyxis Super Senior Notes Were Downgraded To Junk, And FGIC Lost Many Millions As a Direct Result Of Putnam’s Fraud**

152. On April 30, 2008, only 18 months after Pyxis closed, Fitch Ratings Ltd. (“Fitch”) downgraded the credit rating of the Super Senior Pyxis tranche from AAA to C. Ultimately, Pyxis defaulted and FGIC incurred potential liability of up to \$900 million under the Pyxis Guaranty.

153. FGIC never would have issued the Pyxis Guaranty—and thus would not have suffered any losses under the Pyxis Guaranty—had it known Putnam was not acting independently in the selection of assets for the Pyxis portfolio. It most certainly would not have issued the Pyxis Guaranty had it known that Magnetar, whose economic interests conflicted with

FGIC's, had any role whatsoever in the selection of assets for the Pyxis Portfolio. FGIC was deceived and induced to issue the Pyxis Guaranty.

154. In addition, the facts fraudulently misrepresented and concealed by Putnam—namely, that Magnetar controlled Pyxis collateral selection—directly and substantially contributed to FGIC's losses under the Pyxis Guaranty, and to the amount of those losses and the speed with which they were incurred. Had Putnam selected the Pyxis collateral itself, as it represented it would do, and had it not acquiesced in Magnetar's control of collateral selection, Pyxis would not have defaulted as quickly as it did, and may well not have defaulted at all. At a minimum, any losses incurred by Pyxis would have been substantially smaller than they were. Thus FGIC's liability for losses incurred by Pyxis would either not have been incurred at all, or would have been substantially smaller.

155. This is confirmed by the following facts. *First*, Putnam and Magnetar both *believed* that the assets Magnetar selected for Pyxis would be more likely to default than the assets Putnam would have selected had it acted independently. As the allegations throughout this Second Amended Complaint make clear, that was the *purpose* of Magnetar's control of collateral selection: to ensure that the assets selected for the Pyxis Portfolio would be likely to default and would therefore benefit Magnetar's short positions both on that portfolio and on Pyxis itself.

156. *Second*, Magnetar's CDOs in fact defaulted in greater numbers, and defaulted much more quickly, than comparable CDOs. The chart below contains the most recent publicly available data (provided by Standard & Poor's) for the performance of all 2006-vintage mezzanine CDOs (Pyxis' vintage). As of April 2012, all 18 of Magnetar's 2006-vintage mezzanine CDOs had defaulted while only 72% of 2006-vintage non-Magnetar mezzanine

CDOs had defaulted. Moreover, as of December 2008, when Pyxis defaulted, 94% of Magnetar's 2006-vintage mezzanine CDOs had defaulted, while only 40% of 2006-vintage non-Magnetar mezzanine CDOs had done so. This demonstrates that Magnetar's CDOs, including Pyxis, were significantly weaker and more liable to default than comparable non-Magnetar CDOs, because of Magnetar's adverse influence over collateral selection for all of its CDOs, including Pyxis.

<b>CDO Vintage and Sponsor</b>	<b>Defaulted by 12/31/08</b>	<b>Defaulted by 12/31/09</b>	<b>Defaulted by 12/31/10</b>	<b>Defaulted by 4/11/12</b>
<b>2006 Magnetar</b>	94%	94%	100%	100%
<b>2006 Non-Magnetar</b>	40%	63%	68%	72%
<b>2007 Magnetar</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>2007 Non-Magnetar</b>	65%	80%	82%	84%
<b>Total Magnetar</b>	96%	96%	100%	100%
<b>Total Non-Magnetar</b>	51%	66%	74%	77%

157. *Third*, many of the assets selected for the Pyxis portfolio by Magnetar, on their face, were more liable to default than the assets Putnam would have selected had it acted independently. For example, Putnam's original target portfolio for Pyxis included \$145 million of prime RMBS. However, at Magnetar's direction, Putnam replaced these assets in the final portfolio with \$145 million of subprime RMBS, which by definition were significantly weaker and more liable to default than the prime RMBS Putnam originally planned to select.

158. *Fourth*, FGIC has performed an analysis of the performance of assets in the Pyxis portfolio for which—even without the benefit of discovery—it has clear evidence that Magnetar directed selection. *See* ¶¶ 96-109, 117-120, 123-125, *supra*. The total notional value of such



assets in the Pyxis Portfolio was \$167,000,000. These assets included components of the ABX BBB- 06-1 and 06-1 Indexes and other assets for which there is clear documentary evidence of Magnetar's control. In addition, Pyxis—like other Magnetar CDOs, but unlike non-Magnetar CDOs—held a large volume of tranches of four other Magnetar CDO tranches among its assets. The only plausible explanation for such holdings is that Putnam selected those assets at the direction of Magnetar itself.

159. As the chart below shows, all of these Magnetar-selected assets had defaulted by March 2009, and their average life before default was just 1.5 years. By contrast, the average life before default of the Pyxis collateral for which FGIC does not have direct evidence of Magnetar's control was 1.85 years—almost 25% longer. Moreover, because the selection of many of the assets for which FGIC does not have direct evidence of Magnetar's control may in fact also have been directed by Magnetar, these numbers are likely skewed in Magnetar's favor.

<b>Magnetar-Selected Asset</b>	<b>Notional Value</b>	<b>Date of Default</b>	<b>Years Before Default</b>
<b>ACE 2006-NC1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	10/15/08	2.0
<b>ARSI 2006-W1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	2/25/08	1.4
<b>CWL 2006-8 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	4/18/08	1.5
<b>BSABS 2006-HE3 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	10/16/08	2.0
<b>CARR 2006-NC1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	3/4/09	2.4
<b>FFML 2006-FF4 B1</b>	\$1,500,000	9/2/08	1.9
<b>GSAMP 2006-HE3 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	10/23/08	2.1
<b>HEAT 2006-4 B1</b>	\$1,500,000	2/14/08	1.4
<b>JPMAC 2006-FRE1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	1/30/08	1.3
<b>LBMLT 2006-1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	10/11/07	1.0
<b>MABS 2006-NC1 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	1/30/08	1.3

<b>MLMI 2006-HE1 B3A</b>	\$1,500,000	10/22/08	2.1
<b>MSC 2006-HE2 B3</b>	\$1,500,000	2/14/08	1.4
<b>MSAC 2006-WMC2 B3</b>	\$1,500,000	10/11/07	1.0
<b>RAMP 2006-NC2 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	9/2/08	1.9
<b>RASC 2006-KS3 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	8/19/08	1.9
<b>SABR 2006-OP1 B3</b>	\$1,500,000	3/4/09	2.4
<b>SVHE 2006-OPT5 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	1/30/08	1.3
<b>SASC 2006-WF2 M9</b>	\$1,500,000	10/31/08	2.1
<b>SAIL 2006-4 M8</b>	\$1,500,000	10/11/07	1.5
<b>CWL 2005-BC5 B</b>	\$12,000,000	10/9/08	2.0
<b>SASC 2005-WF4 M9</b>	\$8,000,000	10/31/08	2.1
<b>JPMAC 2005-OPT1 M9</b>	\$12,000,000	11/25/08	2.1
<b>HEAT 2005-8 B1</b>	\$10,000,000	4/4/08	1.5
<b>FFML 2006-FF9 M9</b>	\$15,000,000	10/11/07	1.0
<b>FFML 2006-FF7 M9</b>	\$15,000,000	10/11/07	1.0
<b>ACABS 2006-AQA A1J</b>	\$10,000,000	5/31/08	1.7
<b>AURIG 2006-1A A2B</b>	\$15,000,000	2/13/08	1.4
<b>CACDO 2006-1A D2</b>	\$15,000,000	10/26/07	1.1
<b>LCERT 2006-1A C</b>	\$10,000,000	2/1/08	1.3
<b>GEMST 2006-6A D</b>	\$15,000,000	11/22/07	1.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$167,000,000</b>		<b>1.5</b>

160. In addition, \$63 million of the Magnetar-selected assets defaulted as early as 2007, and another \$32.5 million defaulted by February 2008. Thus, \$95.5 million of these assets defaulted even before Bear Stearns collapsed or the financial crisis took hold, and their default

was therefore necessarily caused primarily by their inherent defects, not by the financial crisis. The default of these assets in turn substantially contributed to Pyxis' collapse and to FGIC's losses under the Pyxis Guaranty.

161. Thus, it is clear that Magnetar's adverse influence over collateral selection for the Pyxis portfolio—contrary to Putnam's representations that it would select the portfolio independently—contributed directly and substantially to Pyxis' losses and eventual default and to FGIC's liability arising out of the Pyxis losses.

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

#### **FRAUD**

162. FGIC repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

163. This is a claim for fraud brought against Putnam relating to affirmative misrepresentations and material omissions it made to induce FGIC to issue the Pyxis Guaranty.

164. Putnam made material misrepresentations of fact in connection with FGIC's issuance of the Pyxis Guaranty. Putnam represented, among other things, that it would select the assets to be included in the Pyxis Portfolio, acting as a diligent and independent collateral manager in the interests of long investors. These representations were made, among other things, in the email, Pitchbook, Offering Memorandum, Term Sheet, Collateral Management Agreement, and numerous oral representations by Putnam to FGIC on August 3, 2006, August 7, 2006, and on other occasions.

165. Putnam also omitted to disclose material facts necessary to make the statements it had made not materially misleading. Among other things, Putnam knowingly or recklessly failed to disclose that:

- The selection of assets for the Pyxis Portfolio was controlled by and designed for the benefit of a net short investor, namely Magnetar, who was betting against the interests of FGIC;
- Putnam did not select the assets for Pyxis acting diligently, independently and in good faith in the interests of long investors, but rather at the behest of and under the direction of Magnetar to whom it ceded veto rights over the selection of assets;
- The asset selection procedures for Pyxis were based on a process that emphasized weaker assets over stronger ones; and
- All these actions ensured that FGIC would have to make payments on the Pyxis Guaranty.

166. All of this information was known to Putnam but not known or readily available to FGIC. FGIC did not know, and could not have reasonably discovered, that the selection process had been rigged by Magnetar. Putnam further knew that its statements were false and misleading, and made the statements with the intent and expectation that FGIC would rely on them in agreeing to provide protection on the notes.

167. Putnam's misstatements and omissions were material to FGIC's decision to issue the Pyxis Guaranty since they bore directly on the credit quality and expected performance of the Pyxis Portfolio, the likelihood of a Credit Event occurring under the Pyxis Swap, and that FGIC would incur corresponding losses under the Pyxis Guaranty.

168. FGIC reasonably relied on Putnam's misstatements and omissions in issuing the Pyxis Guaranty. Without these material misstatements and omissions, FGIC would not have issued the Pyxis Guaranty.

169. Putnam's conduct, as alleged herein, was willful, malicious, reckless, and without regard to FGIC's interests. Specifically, Putnam engaged in this deceptive conduct in order to earn unusually large fees which were guaranteed by Magnetar's control over Pyxis, and which Putnam would not earn if the Pyxis Guaranty, and thus Pyxis itself, did not close.

170. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Putnam's conduct, FGIC has suffered harm. The assets selected for the Pyxis Portfolio due to Magnetar's involvement were intended to be, and were in fact, of lesser quality than the assets that Putnam otherwise would have chosen, and were intended to, and did in fact, default at a higher-than-average rate. The resulting losses caused FGIC to incur millions of dollars in liabilities that it otherwise would not have incurred.

171. Accordingly, FGIC should be restored to the status quo ante and FGIC should be awarded damages incurred as a result of its agreement to provide protection on the notes in an amount to be determined at trial. As a result of Putnam's conduct, FGIC is also entitled to punitive damages.

172. This Count is brought within the time permitted by law.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:  
NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

173. FGIC repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

174. This is a claim for negligent misrepresentation brought against Putnam relating to affirmative misrepresentations and material omissions it made concerning Pyxis which caused FGIC to enter into the FGIC Guaranty.

175. Putnam was, and held itself out to be, a highly skilled asset manager, with extensive expertise in collateral management, boasting of its "75 years of managing money for individual and institutional investors" and its "active, risk conscious approach to pursuing client mandates."

176. Putnam was hired to act as the collateral manager for Pyxis. Putnam was hired because of its professional expertise in managing collateral for investment funds similar to Pyxis,

which went far beyond FGIC's expertise. Putnam was hired to use this expertise for the benefit of Pyxis, and for all entities (including Pyxis investors and FGIC) who were dependent on the performance of the Pyxis Portfolio.

177. Putnam had discretion to choose assets for the Pyxis Portfolio, subject to certain limits set forth in the operative documents for the Pyxis Transaction. Thus Pyxis, and the Pyxis investors (including FGIC), were completely dependent on Putnam's professional expertise as an asset manager in selecting the best available assets for the Pyxis Portfolio.

178. As a highly skilled, professional money manager, Putnam necessarily had much more knowledge than FGIC about the value and credit quality of the assets proposed for the Pyxis Portfolio, and about the Pyxis Portfolio as a whole. As Putnam was well aware, as a practical matter, it was necessary for FGIC to rely on Putnam's experience, independence and integrity in selecting the assets that went into the Pyxis Portfolio. Moreover, since Pyxis did not hold a static portfolio, with assets fixed at the closing date, Putnam's expertise and judgment in managing those assets after closing, including both selecting new assets and selling existing assets, was essential to the continuing good performance of Pyxis.

179. Because of its dependence on Putnam's expertise, FGIC made extensive efforts to investigate that expertise and Putnam's approach to collateral selection for Pyxis. FGIC did not rely only on statements in the Offering Memorandum, but actually went so far as to send representatives to Putnam's offices in Boston, Massachusetts, and to conduct further phone interviews to evaluate Putnam's operations and interview the Putnam personnel who would be responsible for collateral selection for the Pyxis Portfolio.

180. As a condition to its participation in the Pyxis Transaction, FGIC sought and received directly from Putnam representations and assurances to the effect that Putnam would

exercise its professional expertise to manage and independently select the collateral for the Pyxis Portfolio acting in the interests of long investors, including FGIC. Putnam made these representations directly to FGIC on August 3, 2006, August 7, 2006, and on other occasions. Putnam also made these representations in, among other things, the Pitchbook, Offering Memorandum, Term Sheet, and Collateral Management Agreement. Putnam knew those representations and assurances were necessary to FGIC's participation in the Pyxis Transaction, and intended that FGIC should rely on those representations and assurances. FGIC did in fact rely on those representations and assurances, thus exposing itself to substantial risk if Putnam failed to execute its duties with reasonable care.

181. The foregoing facts created a "special relationship" of trust and confidence between Putnam and FGIC.

182. Putnam also had exclusive knowledge of the true facts concerning the process by which the Pyxis Portfolio was selected. Putnam knew that, rather than using its expertise to act independently in selecting collateral for Pyxis, it had betrayed the trust of Pyxis and its investors and counterparties by colluding with Magnetar to rig the collateral selection process for the Pyxis Portfolio and allow Magnetar to select toxic assets whose performance it could bet against. Putnam further knew that, as a result of its misrepresentations, FGIC was not aware of Magnetar's control over the selection process for the Pyxis Portfolio, and that in issuing the Pyxis Guaranty FGIC was acting in reliance on the mistaken belief that Putnam was controlling this selection process.

183. Putnam's representations to FGIC in connection with FGIC's decision to issue the Pyxis Guaranty—specifically, its representations that it would select the assets for Pyxis acting diligently, independently and in good faith for the benefit of long investors—were materially

false and misleading. Putnam omitted to disclose material facts necessary to make these representations not materially misleading. Among other things, Putnam negligently failed to disclose that:

- The selection of assets for the Pyxis Portfolio was controlled by and designed for the benefit of a net short investor, namely Magnetar, who was betting against the interests of FGIC;
- Putnam did not select the assets for Pyxis acting diligently, independently and in good faith in the interests of long investors, but rather at the behest of and under the direction of Magnetar to whom it ceded veto rights over the selection of assets;
- The asset selection procedures for Pyxis were based on a process that emphasized weaker assets over stronger ones; and
- All these actions ensured that FGIC would have to make payments on the Pyxis Guaranty.

184. Putnam knew or should reasonably have known that its statements and omissions were false and misleading, and either knew or should reasonably have foreseen that FGIC would rely on its statements and omissions in agreeing to provide protection on the notes, since they bore directly on the performance of the Pyxis Portfolio, the likelihood of a Credit Event occurring under the Pyxis Swap, and the possibility that the Pyxis notes would default, leaving FGIC to bear any losses pursuant to the Pyxis Guaranty. Putnam knew or should reasonably have known that FGIC would suffer harm if it issued the Pyxis Guaranty.

185. FGIC reasonably relied on Putnam's misstatements and omissions in issuing the Pyxis Guaranty.

186. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Putnam's conduct, FGIC has suffered harm. Accordingly, FGIC should be restored to the status quo ante and FGIC should be awarded damages incurred as a result of its agreement to provide protection on the notes in an amount to be determined at trial.



187. This Count is brought within the time permitted by law.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:  
NEGLIGENCE**

188. FGIC repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

189. This is a claim for negligence brought against Putnam relating to its negligent performance as the putative collateral manager of Pyxis.

190. Putnam failed to select and manage the Pyxis Portfolio acting diligently, independently and in good faith in the interests of long investors like FGIC, and exercising the degree of care expected of an ordinary CDO collateral manager. On the contrary, Putnam abdicated its collateral selection responsibilities to Magnetar, in return for large fees on Pyxis and the promise of further lucrative deal volume. Putnam was aware, but FGIC was not, nor could it have been aware, that Magnetar was selecting weaker assets for the Pyxis Portfolio and was shorting Pyxis.

191. In agreeing to issue the Pyxis Guaranty, FGIC reasonably believed and relied on its understanding that Putnam would exercise the degree of care expected of an ordinary CDO collateral manager in selecting and managing the Pyxis Portfolio. FGIC's understanding was material to its decision to issue the Pyxis Guaranty, since it bore directly on the performance of the Pyxis Portfolio, the likelihood of a Credit Event occurring under the Pyxis Swap, and the possibility that the Pyxis notes would default, leaving FGIC to bear any losses under the Pyxis Guaranty.

192. Putnam knew or should reasonably have known that, in deciding to issue the Pyxis Guaranty, FGIC relied on it to exercise the degree of care expected of an ordinary CDO collateral manager in selecting and managing the Pyxis Portfolio.

193. Putnam knew or should reasonably have known that its failure to exercise the degree of care expected of an ordinary CDO collateral manager with respect to the selection of the Pyxis Portfolio would cause FGIC to suffer harm.

194. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Putnam's conduct, FGIC has suffered harm. Accordingly, FGIC should be restored to the status quo ante and FGIC should be awarded damages incurred as a result of its agreement to provide protection on the notes in an amount to be determined at trial.

195. This Count is brought within the time permitted by law.

**Prayer for Relief**

WHEREFORE, FGIC requests the Court enter judgment:

- (a) awarding FGIC damages to restore it to the status quo ante;
- (b) awarding FGIC compensatory damages in amounts to be determined at trial, together with prejudgment interest at the maximum rate allowable by law;
- (c) awarding FGIC punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

- (d) awarding FGIC reasonable costs and expenses incurred in this action, including, to the extent applicable, counsel fees; and
- (e) such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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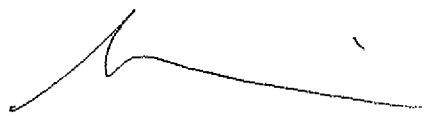
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